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The world flocked to Ballarat in the 1850s in search of gold. Today you can still discover gold everywhere you travel around Ballarat and its historic villages. It's where history comes to life.

The region has become one of Australia's premier tourism destinations, with gold-plated experiences to be enjoyed, with stunning arts and culture, grand architecture, and a cool climate wine trail to be discovered and gourmet food to be tasted. Plus there's a wealth of walking and riding trails, amazing gardens and a treasure trove of activities awaiting the visitor right throughout the region.

Best of all, everywhere you look, Ballarat and its historic villages are oozing with the splendour of the past. You can feel the history as you walk the streets of each village.

The rush is still on

In 1851, two prospectors by the names of John Dunlop and James Regan panned a few ounces of gold at Canadian Creek that produced the world's biggest alluvial gold rush. The Ballarat region became a global phenomenon, with potential gold seekers sailing from the four corners of the world. Today, one in four Australians can trace their origins to the goldfields.

By 1860, Ballarat was an ornament to the golden wealth it produced, its streets lined with some of the finest buildings in the colony. Many of these buildings survive to this day, making Ballarat and its historic villages the unique region that it is.

Today, the rush continues, with visitors finding gold in the huge diversity of attractions. Luxuriate in the vibrant and diverse culture that sees artists and painters making the region their home. Discover gems in an amazing array of vintage shopping and retail attractions. Savour award-winning restaurants,

providores, artisan food producers and awarded wineries that are drawing attention from around the country. Take a step into the past with historical tours and walk or ride along scenic trails into historic countryside where once Cobb and Co coaches carried their loads of gold.

While you're in the region, don't miss historic villages including Buninyong, Clunes, Talbot, Smeaton, Smythesdale, Scarsdale, Blampied, and Learmonth. In these delightful towns, imagining history is as easy as gazing at the Victorian architecture in a main street, having a drink in a heritage hotel, or discovering miners' cottages in the back streets.



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How to get to Ballarat

FROM MELBOURNE BY ROAD

You don't have to travel far to enjoy all the attractions Ballarat and its historic villages have to offer. The region is ideally located, wherever you are coming from. If you're coming from Melbourne, you could be in Ballarat in time for morning tea after a scenic 75-minute drive – mainly on freeway – through rolling hills. It is 110 kilometres northwest of Melbourne via the Western Highway.

FROM MELBOURNE BY RAIL

For a completely stress-free journey, take the train. They run frequently from Melbourne's Southern Cross Station to Ballarat. It's a trip of less than ninety minutes, and when your train pulls in, you'll marvel at Ballarat's grand railway station, a wonderful example of 19th century railway architecture.

FROM THE REGIONS

From regional cities, Ballarat is central to Geelong, Bendigo, Warrnambool and Mildura via the Midland, Glenelg and Sunraysia highways which all radiate from Ballarat.

FROM INTERSTATE OR OVERSEAS

If you're flying into Victoria, Ballarat is around an hour from Tullamarine or Avalon airports. Car hire with major rental companies is available from both airports. There's even a Ballarat Airport Shuttle bus from Tullamarine airport. For visitor and travel information call the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre 1800 44 66 33.

ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED

For personal assistance, go to the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre in historic Lydiard Street where you'll find maps, tour guides, itineraries and expert advice on everything Ballarat and its historic villages have to offer. There's advice and information on events, attractions, accommodation, local transport and timetables, scenic drives, walking tours, directions to attractions and more. Or call before you leave home and they'll even book your accommodation. Freecall 1800 44 66 33 or visit www.visitballarat.com.au for assistance. For information at your fingertips and an interactive addition to your visit, download the free Visit Ballarat iPhone application from iTunes.



ARE WE THERE YET?

Ballarat to Melbourne	110km	75mins	via Western Freeway
Ballarat to Geelong	85 km	60mins	via Midland Highway
Ballarat to the Grampians	135km	90mins	via Western Highway
Ballarat to Warrnambool	175km	2hrs	via Glenelg Highway
Ballarat to Adelaide	614km	6.5hrs	via Western Highway
Ballarat to Avoca	75km	50mins	via Sunraysia Highway
Ballarat to Daylesford	45km	40mins	via Midland Highway
Ballarat to Bendigo	122km	90mins	via Midland Highway
Ballarat Railway Station to Southern Cross Station	110km	86mins	via V/Line

www.visitballarat.com.au for visitor information

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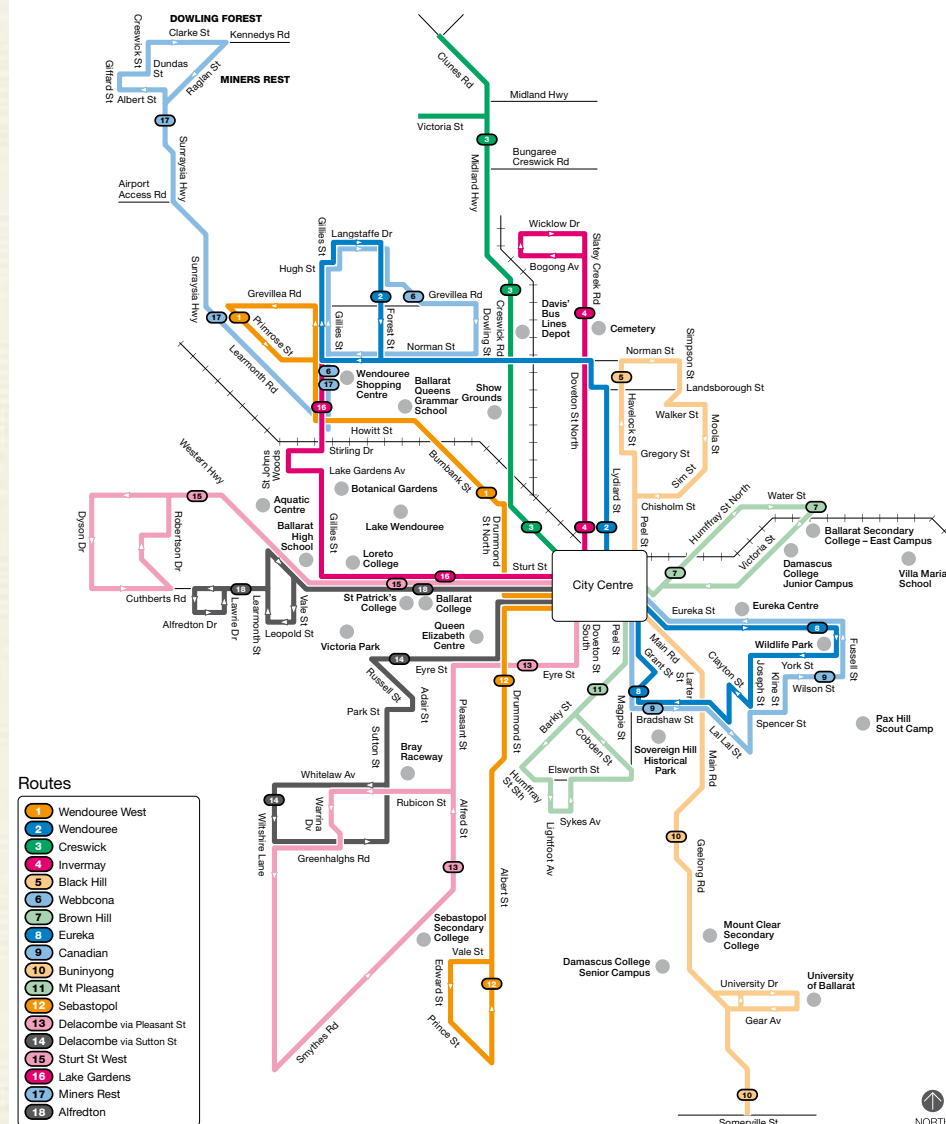
Getting around Ballarat is easy – the region is well signposted and easy to navigate. Ballarat's CBD, built around a well-planned grid, has ample parking. Local bus services run from Sturt Street, the city's main thoroughfare, to most of Ballarat's attractions.

More information on bus routes and timetables is available from the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre on 1800 44 66 33, at www.viclink.com.au, www.davisbuslines.com.au, or call V/line on 136 196.

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Information

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Connecting V/Line Coach
V/Line Train Line

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THE WORLD COMES TO BALLARAT

“On the 25th of August, 1851, the first great gold-strike made in Australia was made here. The news of the strike spread... like a flash to the very ends of the earth. A celebrity so prompt and so universal has hardly been paralleled in history, perhaps. It was as if the name Ballarat had suddenly been written on the sky, where all the world could read it at once.”

American author Mark Twain wrote the above without too much exaggeration. Ballarat's start was indeed a world phenomenon. The lustre of gold was too good to resist, and Ballarat drew the worlds A-list including Twain, Dame Nellie Melba, royalty, American army commanders, writers, poets and more.

Today, visitors can see the evidence of nineteenth century wealth. Ballarat's wide boulevards with elm trees and grand statues are testament to the

region's spectacular rise from humble mining settlements to wealthy city and surrounding villages.

All around Ballarat you'll experience living and breathing history coming to life. Marvel at architectural splendour. Relive gold rush history at Sovereign Hill. Admire horticultural treasures in the botanical gardens.

Visit the new Australian Centre for Democracy (due to open in mid 2012 and see the birthplace of Australian democracy.

Not to be missed

1. Art Gallery of Ballarat's modern and classic masterpieces
2. Award-winning local cool climate wines at regional wineries
3. Ballarat's favourite run or bike ride, the picturesque Lake Wendouree
4. Heritage tours – marvel at Ballarat's elegant architecture with a self-guided free Pod tour on foot or by car
5. Meander up the beautiful and iconic Lydiard Street and visit Her Majesty's Theatre and Craig's Royal Hotel
6. Strike it lucky at Sovereign Hill and the Gold Museum
7. Visit the Australian ex-Prisoners of War Memorial
8. See Australian wildlife at the Ballarat Wildlife Park
9. Stunning Ballarat Botanical Gardens and Prime Ministers' venue featuring busts of every Australian Prime Minister.
10. The recently restored Arch of Victory and Australia's longest Avenue of Honour, stretching 22 kilometres with more than 3000 trees

EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND MUCH MORE

Every year, Ballarat and its historic villages play host to a vast array of special events that draw thousands from around the country and around the world. These include cycling, rowing, canoeing, triathlon, Ballarat Antique Fair, Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields. There's a festival, event, sporting fixture or celebration to suit everyone.



ARTS AND CULTURE WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD



Ballarat and its historic villages are home to one of Australia's most vibrant and diverse arts scenes. From colonial masterpieces to cutting edge modernism, the Art Gallery of Ballarat is Australia's finest regional gallery, an arts experience not to be missed. The region boasts a wide array of arts and culture experiences including live theatre, poetry readings, cinema, writers' workshops, singing competitions, an abundance of small galleries and local craft shops, and much more. The attractions detailed here are simply the beginning of your cultural experience in Ballarat.

BOUTIQUE GALLERIES

The Ballarat region is home to many artists. You can see their work and that of others at James Egan Gallery, Gallery on Sturt, Post Office Gallery and numerous other smaller artists' spaces scattered around Buninyong, Skipton, Clunes and other historic villages.

For more information on boutique galleries go to www.visitballarat.com.au

ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT

Established in 1884 as Australia's first regional gallery, the Art Gallery of Ballarat's founders had the foresight to acquire significant early colonial art including many from the Heidelberg School. Today, the gallery continues its pivotal role in the arts scene with free entry to the country's largest and finest regional collection of Australian art, as well as ongoing special exhibitions including the Queen Elizabeth II by Cecil Beaton: A Diamond Jubilee Celebration from February to April and Capturing Flora from September to December. Visit www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au

AUSTRALIAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR MEMORIAL

At the southern end of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, this stirring memorial honours more than 35,000 Australians held prisoner during the Boer War, the two world wars and the Korean War. The motto of these brave prisoners was "When you go home, tell them of us and say that we gave our tomorrow for your today".

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE

Was that someone singing, or just the wind in the rafters? Her Majesty's Theatre is Australia's oldest continuously operating purpose-built theatre. Concerts, live shows and plays are still held here. The Royal South Street Society Grand National Eisteddfod of Australia has been conducted here since 1896. Open to visitors, the beautiful auditorium features historical displays on the walls of the magnificent Long Room Bar upstairs. For more information visit www.hermaj.com

PRIME MINISTERS' AVENUE

Recognise that face? If you can take your eyes away from the horticultural beauty of the gardens for a moment, you'll see busts cast in bronze of every Australian Prime Minister. Take a political trip back in time with a free pod tour available from the conservatory in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens.

BALLARAT TRAMWAY MUSEUM

Travel the way the cream of Ballarat society travelled in 1887 when they took a horse-drawn tram to picnics at Lake Wendouree and the Botanical Gardens. The horses are long gone but some of the very same trams now rest in the Tramway Museum within Ballarat's Botanical Gardens, along with other memorabilia from the era. The museum serves as a terminus for the historic tram route along which the trams clatter and wind, just as they did in 1887. Open weekends, public holidays and school holidays.

ADAM LINDSAY GORDON CRAFT COTTAGE

Discover a fascinating insight into one of Ballarat's most famous residents at Adam Lindsay Gordon Cottage, home of much-loved poet and horseman Adam Lindsay Gordon. Originally situated in Bath Lane next to Craig's Royal Hotel, it was moved to the Botanical Gardens in 1934. Today the cottage features locally produced arts and crafts.



ROYAL SOUTH STREET SOCIETY COMPETITIONS

An iconic national event featuring competitions in drama, speech, dance and a range of other artistic disciplines, all held over 10 weeks between July and November each year with performances in Her Majesty's Theatre.

REGENT CINEMA

Originally built in 1938, The Regent had one screen and seated 2100 people. It burnt to the ground the following year, however with the aid of American troops who were stationed in Ballarat during the war years, the Theatre was fully restored to its former glory. It was operated by Hoyts Cinemas until around 1964 and was closed for more than a decade before being restored once more. It reopened on 11 November 1976, screening *Gone with the Wind*.

In 1989, it was converted into a 3 screen multiplex, one of the first of its kind in regional Victoria. Today it features eight screens including 3D and Gold Class.



BALLARAT AVIATION MUSEUM

See a unique collection of flying aircraft, engines, wartime relics and equipment from the 1920s to the present day. Based at Ballarat Airport. Open public holidays and weekends.

GOLD MUSEUM

Adjacent to Sovereign Hill, the Gold Museum exhibits photos, paintings, manuscripts, books, gold coins, gold nuggets and more direct connections with the Gold Rush days. Come face to face with history and the fortunes that were made and lost.

BALLARAT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

Established in 1859 on Sturt Street, the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute is the world's most authentic example of a 19th century Mechanics' Institute. It now features a wonderful collection of old and new books and historic collections of bound newspaper collections. Not to be missed. Guided tours take place on Tuesdays.

ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT

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Discover what's on offer at Australia's premier regional gallery – a great collection in an amazing heritage building, exciting temporary exhibitions, interesting shop full of great gifts and souvenirs, including original artworks, and a café offering quality local produce as well as delicious coffee and superb handmade chocolates. The kids can take one of our trails while you explore our podtour.

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ADAM LINDSAY GORDON CRAFT COTTAGE

MAP 1
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The Adam Lindsay Gordon Craft Cottage features an extensive range of handcrafted items designed and created by local artisans. Open from 10am to 4pm daily in spring, summer and autumn. Weekends and school holidays in winter.

Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Ballarat VIC 3350

P: (03) 5334 2005



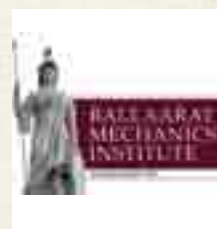
AUSTRALIAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR MEMORIAL

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The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial located in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens records the names of more than 35,000 Australian POWs (about 8,600 died or were killed when they were prisoners of war, more than 4,000 have no known grave).

Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Wendouree Pde, Ballarat VIC 3350

W: www.powmemorialballarat.com.au



BALLARAT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

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Visit Australia's best example of a 19th century Mechanics Institute. Beautifully restored in the past decade, it is a treasure house waiting to be discovered. Public tours each Thursday at 2pm.

117-119 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5331 3042

E: bmilibrary@ncable.net.au W: www.ballaratmi.com

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE

MAP 2
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Enjoy a selection of professional touring and local productions in the elegant auditorium of historic Her Majesty's Theatre, which has been a central part of the cultural life of Ballarat since 1875. The Long Room bar is open for interval drinks. Box Office open 9.15am-5pm, Monday to Friday and one hour prior to performances. The auditorium may be open for casual visitors, please ask at the Box Office.

17 Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat VIC 3350
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W: www.hermaj.com



GALLERY ON STURT – ACCENT FRAMING

MAP 1
D4

Spacious gallery in Ballarat CBD exhibiting original artwork, limited editions and sculpture. Includes 'art collectables' by Norman and Lionel Lindsay, Pro-Hart and Arthur Boyd; also artwork by regional artists. Custom framing, mirrors and fine-art printing.

421 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3350
P: (03) 5331 7011 F: (03) 5331 7022 E: info@galleryonsturt.com.au
W: www.galleryonsturt.com.au W: www.accentframing.com.au



JAMES EGAN GALLERY

MAP 1
A1

James is one of Australia's and the world's foremost artists, he invites you to visit his new galleries at Addington and see a treasure trove of paintings. James Egan was designated a living treasure 'in perpetuity'. 20 minutes up the Sunraysia Hwy from Ballarat, sign posted.

A427 Sunraysia Hwy, Addington VIC 3352 P: (03) 5343 5082
E: james@jamesegangallery.com.au W: www.jamesegangallery.com.au



POST OFFICE GALLERY

MAP 2
C3

The University of Ballarat's Post Office Gallery's changing exhibition program features the work of Arts Academy staff and students, acquisitions from the University's Permanent Collection and work by significant Australian artists.

Cnr Sturt and Lydiard sts, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5327 8615
E: pogallery@ballarat.edu.au W: www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/artsacademy/pogallery/



for Australia and the world

News flashed around the world when gold was discovered in the Ballarat region in August 1851. A mere month later, more than 1,000 prospectors had flocked to the former sheep run and its surrounding villages and there were some enormously rich finds. One party panned 376 ounces from a Ballarat creek in a single day, having then to rush the gold to the safety of a bank. 9,926 kilograms of gold were shipped to Melbourne in 1853 alone with a further 77,700 kilograms carried from 1854 to 1857.

EUREKA STOCKADE ARMED UPRISING

Of course, the Government wanted its share of the fabulous wealth too. Miners were denied the right to vote but were made to pay a gold license: around one pound a month in advance for the right to mine eight square feet. It was just less than the average weekly wage. Those without a permit were arrested.

When the cost of licenses jumped the diggers were outraged. A mass meeting was held at Bakery Hill Ballarat in November 1854, where the miners burnt their licenses and raised the Eureka Flag, in protest of the unfair conditions.

For protection, the miners barricaded themselves into a hastily erected stockade armed with a few guns and pikes. But 300 soldiers and troopers attacked the stockade at dawn on December 3, 1854, killing 28 miners and wounding many more. It was a massacre. Public outrage broke the grip of Australia's pre-gold colonial establishment and led to the founding of a more democratic legislative assembly in Victoria. The Eureka Rebellion was the birth of democracy in Australia.



EUREKA TRAIL

Relive the Eureka legend. This fascinating 3.5 kilometre trail, recreated from historic maps and records, commences at the site of the former police camp in Lydiard Street, meanders through the city's majestic architecture and along the Yarrowee River where diggers' tents once crowded its banks, before tracing some of Ballarat's oldest streets to its magnificent destination at the Eureka Stockade Gardens, the site of the original Stockade. Literally a walk through history.



AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY @ EUREKA

The exciting \$11million redevelopment of the Australian centre for Democracy @ Eureka is due to open in July. The Centre will hold educational resources on the history of democracy from the people's perspective and the history of Eureka through interactive exhibition spaces, theatre, outdoor amphitheatre and public access to digital heritage and genealogical resources.



Nature at its best

BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK

An award-winning park dedicated to conservation of wildlife and the environment, allowing people and animals to come together in a relaxing, friendly and educational environment. The selection of animals is truly unique and features wildlife that can only be described as natural wonders of the world. Home to more than 400 animals including koalas, wombats, kangaroos, emus, broilgas, Tasmanian devils, snakes and crocodiles. Five minutes from the Ballarat's CBD, the park is open seven days a week and features guided tours and fascinating interactive animal shows.



BALLARAT OBSERVATORY

Established in 1886, the Ballarat Observatory at Mt Pleasant was Australia's first municipal observatory. It has three historic telescopes and is classified by the National Trust. Open every Friday and Saturday evening and during school holidays. The Ballarat Acoustic Music Festival is held in autumn each year at this unique venue or experience just one of the 'Starry Nights' series of special events at the Observatory.

BALLARAT BIRD WORLD

Home to more than 200 species of birds, both native and exotic. Stroll along one kilometre of walkways and paths and watch an amazing array of birds in their large free-flight aviary including Gang Gang, Red, White and Yellow-tailed cockatoos. Sit with the native birds on the outdoor tree top deck area. Situated at Mt Helen, between Ballarat and Buninyong. Perfect on a hot summer day.



Imagine an extraordinary gold rush that never ended!

Experience all of the adventure and excitement of the Gold Rush at Sovereign Hill, where life in the 1850s is re-created in fascinating detail. Try gold panning, take an underground mine tour, see a \$160,000 gold pour, ride on a horse-drawn coach and shop 1850s style. Enjoy our evening sound-and-light show and stay overnight at Comfort Inn Sovereign Hill.

Open daily 10 am – 5 pm (except Christmas Day)
Phone 03 5337 1100
www.sovereignhill.com.au



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What's yours?



Venture back in time at Sovereign Hill

No Wild West movie set was ever this genuine. Generations of visitors have ventured back into time at Sovereign Hill, essentially an open-air museum replicating the Ballarat goldfields as they were in the 1850s. But what sets it apart is that it was built directly over the site of one of its richest mines. Pan for gold and hope for riches. Ride in a Cobb and Co coach and imagine being held up by bushrangers. Wander through colonial buildings and soak up the 'live' atmosphere of a bygone era.

BLOOD ON THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Stand shoulder to shoulder with the brave pioneers of Australian democracy in this sound and light show at Sovereign Hill every night. Blood on the Southern Cross is a not-to-be-missed spectacular that brings the Eureka story to life in amazing fashion.

LABYRINTH OF GOLD

Travel by tramway deep underground and experience life as a miner. You'll be taken down into the depths of the Sovereign Hill Quartz Mine, guided through a maze of tunnels and, in the cool darkness, you'll visit the Crib Cuddy, meet the 'Widow Maker' and hear tales of untold riches.

TRAPPED UNDERGROUND

Sovereign Hill's underground exhibit tells the powerful story of the disaster that struck in the New Australasian No. 2 Mine at Creswick in 1882. This multi-sensory experience tells a remarkable story of bravery, love, loss and the resilience of early goldfields communities.

BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK

MAP 1
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Australia's premier close-contact wildlife conservation experience!

This family operated conservation park features an exciting day out for all ages!

Feed the park's 100 free-roaming kangaroos, pat koalas, wombats, emus and see the park's giant high leaping saltwater crocodiles in our spectacular reptile house. See the ferocious Tasmanian Devils and learn more about the plight of this 'close to extinct' marsupial. Enjoy lunch with the quolls in the café. Take home a unique gift and souvenirs from the shop.

Guided tour 11am. Open from 9am to 5.30pm daily except Christmas Day.

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BALLARAT AVIATION MUSEUM

MAP 1
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A truly unique collection of flying aircraft, engines, wartime relics and equipment from the 1920s to the present day.

Open weekends and public holidays 1pm-5pm or by appointment.

Ballarat Airport, Mitchell Park VIC 3355 P: (03) 5339 5016

W: www.ballarataviationmuseum.com.au



BALLARAT COLLECTORS MUSEUM

MAP 2
G2

The Ballarat Collectors Museum houses a large display covering a variety of themes resulting in displays of interesting and unusual items.

Some are rare others are unusual and thought provoking.

9 Humffray St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350



BALLARAT INDOOR GO-KART RACING AND LASERFORCE

MAP 1
D3

Go-kart racing and laserforce laser games. Corporate and family group bookings. Birthday parties. Awesome fun.

Monday to Friday 3-10pm; Saturday and Sunday 12-10pm

Cnr Doveton and Howitt sts, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5332 8022

BALLARAT BIRD WORLD

MAP 3
B3



Be amazed at the beauty of the birds at Australia's largest display of parrots and cockatoos.

Get photos with black cockatoos, stroll through the massive walk-through aviaries, admire the many native plants off the 1km raised walkway (wheelchair friendly), large man made waterfalls, kiosk, souvenirs and teas.

Open 7 days 10am to 5pm.

408 Eddy Ave, Mt Helen VIC 3350

P: (03) 5341 3843

W: www.ballaratbirdworld.com.au

BALLARAT BOTANICAL GARDENS

MAP 1
B3



One of Australia's most significant cool climate gardens established in 1858, this 40 hectare space contains a remarkable collection of mature trees and statuary.

The famous begonias are displayed annually in March.

Attractions include:

- The Robert Clark Conservatory (open 9-5 most days)
- Statuary Pavilion
- Prime Ministers Avenue
- Adam Lindsay Gordon Craft Cottage
- Ex-POW memorial.

Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree
Ballarat VIC 3350

P: (03) 5320 5135

W: www.ballaratbotanicalgardens.com



BALLARAT OBSERVATORY AND MUSEUM

MAP 1
E5

One of Regional Australia's largest collection of 18th-21st century working telescopes. Museum collection of astronomical artifacts, books and equipment. 3D Astrotour Theatre. Group bookings anytime. Open 1/2 hr before sunset Friday and Saturday. Bookings essential for all other times.

Cnr Magpie and Cobden sts, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5332 7526

E: bas@cbl.com.au W: observatory.ballarat.net



BALLARAT TRAMWAY MUSEUM

MAP 1
B4

Ballarat trams are Ballarat history. Situated in the Ballarat Botanic Gardens this volunteer operated museum provides historic tram rides and a large display area. Trams operate from 12-5pm Saturday, Sunday, school and public holidays. Special group visits can also be arranged.

PO Box 632, Ballarat VIC 3353 P: (03) 5334 1580 F: (03) 5334 1580

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FUNBUGS PLAYHOUSE

MAP 1
D3

An all weather indoor giant playground for children up to 12. Massive slides, safe toddlers play area. Adults can supervise their children whilst relaxing in a well catered for café.
Open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday; 10am-5pm weekends and public holidays.

903 Doveton St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5332 1525 W: www.funbugs.com.au



GOLDRUSH MINI GOLF

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ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Located conveniently on the Western Highway, Goldrush Golf's themed 18 hole minigolf courses are accessible for everyone and fun yet challenging for all skill levels. Open 7 days.

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HAPPY JACKS PLAY WORLD

MAP 1
B5

Come and play with us at Happy Jacks in air conditioned and heated comfort. Also try our great café.

Present this voucher for a 10% discount on our entry fee.

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OZ TENPIN BALLARAT BOWLING CENTRE

MAP 1
D3

Fun for the whole family. Bumper bowling, light weight bowling balls for the kids, glow in the dark bowling and much more.

901 Doveton St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5331 5610



PLASTER FUN HOUSE

MAP 1
C1

Creative fun for all ages. Birthday parties a speciality, or simply drop in to satisfy your creative talents. Choose and pay for your plaster figurine then paint at your leisure. No time limits apply for painters.

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REGENT CINEMAS / GOLD CLASS

MAP 2
B2

Experience the eye popping, jaw dropping cinematic sensation that is 3D, or sit back, relax and dine in one of our luxurious recliners in the prestigious Gold Class Cinema. Treat yourself next time you're visiting Ballarat.

49 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5330 5555
W: www.regententertainment.com.au



HISTORIC SHOPPING EXPERIENCES COME TO LIFE

Ballarat and its historic villages are packed with shopping experiences worth travelling for. Wherever you go there are unique shops selling a vast range of merchandise. And its no coincidence that a region steeped in history is so renowned for its wealth of antique, old wares, retro and vintage outlets. Take at least a day to browse: you'll take home treasures you didn't know still existed. Below are a few places to get you started. For more suggestions to get you shopping in style, the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre can assist, or download the free Visit Ballarat iPhone application from iTunes.

Craft

RED BRICK GALLERY

An artist-run exhibition space and shop dedicated to supporting grass roots art and design. With a dedicated exhibition space for emerging and mid-career artists from Ballarat and beyond, Red Brick plays host to a varied and exciting exhibition schedule. Emporium area stocks quirky gifts, handmade products and other items by local makers and designers.

Fashion

INEXTERIOR AT THE FOUNDRY

Jewellery, clothing, bags and home furnishings. Relax with a coffee while you browse the eclectic range of stock.

SUCH N SUCH

Café and eclectic giftware. Drop in for coffee, cakes or a light lunch. The menu is seasonally changing and you can browse the giftware. Even the children are catered for with a play area.

WOOLSHED CLOTHING

Extensive range of Australian-made garments including machine-washable wool blend denim jeans and stretch moleskins. Stocks also include local brand Ballarat Gold and unique New Zealand brand Possumdown, a blend of merino wool and possum down. Accessories include bags, wallets, gloves and beanies.



Retro

THAT LITTLE VINTAGE SHOP

That Little Vintage Shop stocks vintage and designer clothing, sourced from across Australia and Europe and catering to a wide range of tastes and sizes. Specialising in one-of-a-kind pieces.

BLONDE VINTAGE

From the 1940s to the 1970s, a vast range of furniture, fashion, kitchen accessories, bedroom, ornaments, toys and more.

MODERN VINTAGE

Vintage style with a modern twist. Homewares made from reclaimed timber furniture, jewellery, scarves, curios, decorator items and more.

Antiques

Ballarat has long been the destination of choice for antique hunters and today there are still amazing treasures to be found.

THE MILL MARKETS

Don't miss Australia's largest mix of antiques, collectables and old wares. Toys, vintage fabrics, homewares, books, and everything vintage in the 2,500 square metre Ballarat Woolshed right on the Western Highway. Relax in the retro café before resuming your search for that antique you thought was lost forever.

THE MINING EXCHANGE GOLD SHOP

Invest in a gold-plated shopping experience. Living history and a great shopping experience all in one place. Right in the heart of Ballarat, this store displays locally found gold nuggets and an extensive range of unique nugget jewellery made in the onsite workshop.

ELYSIUM DAY SPA

MAP 2
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Ballarat's Premier Day Spa, catering for females and males, couples and groups. Elysium is all about escaping the stress and strain of everyday life. For an utterly renewing experience and youthfully rejuvenated skin, book in for an **'Elysium Retreat'**. For monthly specials please visit our website. Elysium a place of perfect bliss. Open 6 days a week, located in Central Ballarat.

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THE CRAFTY SQUIRREL

MAP 1
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The Crafty Squirrel is a cute little shop with a wonderful mix of unique gifts, cool craft kits, homewares, vintage fabrics and gorgeous haberdashery – collected just for you from around the world by textile artist and designer Morgan Wills. Open Friday 10am to 5pm and Saturday 10am to 4pm.

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DARRIWILL FARM

MAP 1
D4

Darriwill Farm specialises in unique and exclusive giftware, gourmet produce, boutique and local wines. Our beautiful gourmet hampers can be tailored to your requirements. There is always something to taste or try at Darriwill Farm Ballarat. While you take in the smells and culinary delights, mention this ad to receive a complimentary coffee or glass of wine. Open Monday to Saturday.

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STRYDE SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

MAP 2
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Stryde is Ballarat's most beautiful shoe and accessories boutique stocking gorgeous fashion items from around the globe. Your trip to Ballarat is not complete without visiting this amazing store where the service and product range will blow your mind. Show your Ballarat accommodation room key for a 15% discount. Conditions apply.

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THE MINING EXCHANGE GOLD SHOP

MAP 2
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The Mining Exchange Gold Shop, located in the very heart of Ballarat is unique to Ballarat. See natural gold nuggets found locally, and our extensive range of nugget jewellery made in our workshop. Something for everyone, a great experience!

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THE KNOWN WORLD BOOKSHOP

MAP 2
D3



The Known World Bookshop has a broad and eclectic range of quality secondhand books, housed in a stunning refurbished Victorian-era building. Browse the extensive collection over a coffee from the Art Deco-style espresso bar.

And if you simply can't tear yourself away, enquire about our New York loft-style apartment above the bookshop.

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WOOLSHED CLOTHING

MAP 2
B2



Purchase a piece of Ballarat and Australia from a variety of gifts and souvenirs. Locally made machine washable mens and ladies knitwear, scarves, and sheepskin footwear. New Zealand Possumdown apparel, accessories. Elmore oil and Lanolin skin care products.

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Historic trails and travelling experiences



Ballarat and its historic villages are the perfect places to discover history, with a range of walking or driving trails. Take a self-guided walking or driving trail and you'll experience so much more of the life and history of the Ballarat region. Touring guides are available from the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre, online at www.visitballarat.com.au or download the About Ballarat iPad app from iTunes.

Listen to Ballarat's fascinating stories, events, people and culture in a unique way with a pod tour. Pick up a free loan iPod from the Art Gallery of Ballarat or Robert Clark Conservatory in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens.

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Walking tours and pod tours

STURT STREET TOUR

Discover one of Australia's finest avenues with a pod tour, and walk in the shoes of the notable characters that strolled Ballarat in the 1800s. Sturt Street is a tree-lined boulevard with a European ambience thanks to its imposing architecture, extensive statues and delightful centre gardens more than two kilometres long. As you stroll along, your iPod will introduce you to bandstands, fountains, statues and memorials.

STURT STREET AND STATUES

Discover the delights of the Ballarat CBD with this walking trail that introduces you to Ballarat's many notable statues and monuments. It's a stroll through history and there's no shortage of cafes to stop at along the way to enjoy a refreshing tea, coffee or mid-morning snack.



LYDIARD STREET TOUR

Movie directors have flocked to Ballarat and its historic villages for their architectural riches and ornate facades. Lydiard Street is a perfect example: the buildings of this beautifully preserved street have provided the perfect backdrop to a host of both film and television programs. Discover the grand nineteenth century railway station, the magnificent Mining Exchange and the former Ballarat gaol, court house and school of mines complex – now part of the University of Ballarat.

ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT POD TOUR

Discover the wealth of colonial and modern art housed in the Art Gallery of Ballarat, Australia's oldest regional gallery. Your iPod will take you on an historic artistic journey.

PRIME MINISTERS' AVENUE POD TOUR

Start from the conservatory at the Ballarat Botanical Gardens and discover Australia's prime ministers cast in bronze.

GOLDFIELDS TRACK

The Goldfields Track is a community-planned 280km public walking trail allowing recreational walkers and tourists to savour central Victoria's unique combination of gold rush heritage and natural beauty. It links the old gold rush towns at the heart of Victoria, as well as the forests, hills and lakes straddling the Great Dividing Range. This is a pathway to central Victoria's hidden treasures, from deep gorges and fern-lined rivers to the artefacts and cultural heritage of the greatest gold rush the world has ever seen.

HISTORIC BUNINYONG WALK

Take Buninyong's heritage walk to see many of the surviving buildings and sites associated with its exciting history. Examples worth seeking out are the recently restored Public Library, Post Office and Shire Hall, or the old Botanic Gardens. The site includes the Gong where you can fish in delightful, picturesque surroundings.

BALLARAT HERITAGE DRIVING TOURS

If you prefer to tour in the comfort of your car, there's a range of driving tours that will guide you through Ballarat's history and heritage. You'll find all the information and brochures you need at the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre at 43 Lydiard Street Nth, opposite the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

GARDEN HERITAGE TOUR

Discover the Ballarat region's wealth of gardens including the magnificent Botanical Gardens and Lake Wendouree.

ANTIQUES HERITAGE TOUR

Ballarat is well known for its unique shops, which are home to collections of fine furniture, pre-loved homewares, antique jewellery, collectables and curiosities. Find Ballarat and its historic villages' best antique outlets with this tour. It's the easy way to discover the region's wealth of antiques, old wares and vintage items as well as stunning period architecture.

EUREKA HERITAGE TOUR

The gold rush of the 1850s brought with it wealth and chaos to the fledgling Victorian town known as Ballarat, eventually leading to the Eureka Uprising. Take a self-guided tour along Ballarat's history and heritage trails and discover the Eureka story from the comfort of your vehicle. Imagine the drama, the excitement and the history being made as miners fought against unjustly high license fees.

CHINESE HERITAGE TOUR

The history of the Chinese on the goldfields and the roles they played later is revealed in this fascinating tour. Discover their hardships and their successes. Gain an understanding of some of the aspects of the Chinese community in Ballarat during the gold rush and late 19th century.

For more information on trails and tours, go to www.visitballarat.com.au or call the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre on 1800 44 66 33.



Scenic Bike rides

Whether you bring your own, hire or buy a new one here in Ballarat, a bicycle is one of the best ways to get to know Ballarat and its historic villages. Tour the city centre and designated bike paths through gorgeous parklands, or take a longer ride further afield into one or more of Ballarat's historic villages. You'll soon discover why Ballarat is known as the 'home of cycling'.

BALLARAT TO SKIPTON RAIL TRAIL

Get out the Lycra and pump up your tyres for a picturesque 53 kilometre-long ride on the old Ballarat-Skipton rail trail. You can almost hear the steam engines puffing and hissing, as they once hauled passengers and freight between these two towns. Pass open paddocks and eucalypt forests, native grasslands and bush alive with birds and wildflowers. Pedal past the former Chinese settlement site at Nintingbool, numerous railway remains, an impressive trestle bridge near Newtown and historic towns including Smythesdale, Scarsdale and Linton. The trail starts adjacent to beautiful Lake Wendouree on the corner of Gillies Street and Gregory Street West.

YARROWEE TRAIL

The major off-road path for recreational cyclists, traversing a roughly north-south spine through Ballarat, from Gong Gong Reservoir at its north, to the hamlet of Magpie to the south of the urban area. The trail follows the Yarrowee River through parts of Ballarat's historic mining and industrial past, as well as outstanding bird habitat at either ends of the Trail. You don't need to ride the entire Yarrowee Trail, it may be traversed from any point to any other. or you can take some diversions along intersecting routes to other destinations.

BUNINYONG AND CRESWICK


Cycle through history in these beautiful villages that flank Ballarat, boasting magnificent colonial buildings including banks, post offices, libraries, stunning gardens and a taste of history in everything you pass. Pack a picnic or taste the delights of local cafes and providores. Make a day, or more, of it to fully appreciate these historic towns.

BALLARAT PARKLAND RIDE

An easy ride taking in Victoria Park and Lake Wendouree, these popular parklands are great recreational venues for bike riding. The total distance is 11km. Connections from the CBD are 3.5km each way. Take in one or both, as they are not far apart.


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Asahi is without doubt the premier Japanese Restaurant in Ballarat, serving modern and traditional cuisine in an authentic manner with style and flair. Whether you dine in or enjoy our takeaway selection you will love the tastes and flavours that delight your eye and tantalise your palate. You can be confident that whatever you choose will be fresh from the farm or sea. Complement your food with a choice of Japanese and Australian beers, wines and spirits and you are guaranteed a meal fit for a Mikado. Our signature dishes include an exquisite Asahi Carpaccio, succulent Tempura Prawns and our divine Asahi Roll.

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A taste of history: award-winning food and wine



These days, people are rushing to the Ballarat region for the prospect of discovering gold on a plate or in a glass. Vignerons have long known that Ballarat's soil and microclimate is perfect for elegant, cool-climate wines, and Ballarat's green fields never fail to produce the finest ingredients for the plate.

"Everything's local" chefs and producers will tell you with delight. It lets them bring their customers the best seasonal menus at great prices, and the awards have followed. Australia's national airline, Qantas, now serves a Ballarat local wine, spreading the region's produce far and wide.

Mist-shrouded vineyards

Take a drive around the Ballarat region and you'll see mist-shrouded vineyards on gently rolling hills. The air here is as clean as the water. Call into one of the local wineries and you'll find subtly fragrant Pinot Noir, restrained Chardonnay and elegant Sparkling Wines, among other varieties.

Low temperatures and yields, combined with small hands-on wineries, are giving Ballarat wines a boutique reputation. Some are even producing Shiraz in small batches, so be quick to discover them! The region is small enough to cover in two days, making a wine tour a great idea for a weekend break.

Book ahead your accommodation in the region, head up on a Friday night, and spend the weekend discovering some liquid gold to impress your dinner party guests with, on your return home

Five-star eateries

The Ballarat region is also attracting attention for its diverse range of produce – from game and organic vegetables to farmhouse cheeses and chocolates – much of which is savoured by local restaurants and matched with wines produced just a few kilometres away. Chefs are attracting food lovers from far and wide to their award-winning eateries, from haute cuisine through to edgy coffee shops and lakeside eateries with views that don't seem to end. As befitting a major food destination, in Ballarat you'll find a wide range of cuisines from contemporary Australian to Italian, Thai, Indian, Japanese and much more.

SWEET DECADENCE

One of Victoria's oldest original makers of handmade chocolates, using not just Australian, but local products where available. Try the chocolate or have light lunch, or morning or afternoon tea in the café with not one, but two local outlets.

DARRIWILL FARM

A store that embraces all of the lost qualities of the traditional Australian country store, Darriwill Farm specialises in unique and exclusive gourmet food, giftware and boutique wines. The finest produce and wines are sourced direct from the farm gate, making Darriwill Farm a favourite destination for lovers of the best things life in the country offers.

MOUNT COGHILL VINEYARD

Red volcanic soil 22 kilometres north of Ballarat underpins the smooth cool-climate flavours that emerge with great finesse and subtlety from Mount Coghill wines such as Pinot Noir and unwooded Chardonnay. Clunes-Learmonth Rd, Coghill's Creek.

EASTERN PEAKE VINEYARD & WINERY

430 metres above sea level, this vineyard experiences a cool climate ideal for high quality Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. 67 Pickfords Rd, Coghills Creek.

f the wonderful range of wine and food experiences available in the Ballarat region.



MOUNT BECKWORTH

Premium grape varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir feature in this boutique winery making handcrafted wines using traditional winemaking methods to achieve complexity and balance. Cellar door – enoteca@clunes – is in the main street of Clunes at 46 Fraser St.

CAPTAINS CREEK ORGANIC WINES

Organic wine, cider and beer feature at the cellar door of this inviting vineyard 25 minutes from Ballarat towards Daylesford. Try your tasting with Goldfields Farmhouse Cheeses and seasonal local farm produce for the complete 'locavore' experience. Kangaroo Hills Rd, Blampied.



BALLARAT AND DISTRICT VIGNERONS ASSOCIATION

The cool climate boutique vineyards around Ballarat are famous for subtly fragrant pinot noir, complex full bodied chardonnays and elegant sparkling wines. So be sure to include a visit to the Ballarat region's vineyards.

E: vintage@ballaratwineries.com **W:** www.ballaratwines.com



REBELLION BREWERY

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Rebellion Brewery has reclaimed Ballarat's strong brewing history, delivering high quality beers that reflect this history, whilst taking aim at the brewing establishment in the true Eureka spirit.

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BALLARAT AND DISTRICT TROTTING CLUB INC

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FLYING HORSE BISTRO

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BARKLY'S RESTAURANT

MAP 1
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Barkly's Restaurant for great service and quality food in a stylish environment. Lunch specials starting from \$16.00 includes a glass of house wine or soft drink.

43-57 Main Rd, Ballarat VIC 3350 **P:** (03) 5331 8838 **F:** (03) 5331 8787
E: stay@barklymotorlodge.com.au **W:** www.barklymotorlodge.com.au



COLD ROCK ICE CREAMERY

MAP 2
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The dining is legendary at Craig's Royal Hotel

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ECLECTIC TASTES

MAP 1
D3

A funky retro cafe boasting 5 rooms decked out with junk shop treasures. Breakfast and lunch offers an Asian inspired menu. Open 7 days: breakfast/lunch from 9am Monday to Friday and 8am weekends.

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EUROPA CAFÉ

MAP 1
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金冠饭店 GOLDEN CROWN RESTAURANT

MAP 1
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LYDIARD WINE BAR

MAP 2
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OSCARS HOTEL AND CAFÉ BAR

MAP 2
A4



Oscars Hotel and Cafe Bar is a unique art deco, boutique hotel in the heart of Ballarat's CBD, with accommodation, two function rooms, open plan restaurant, bar and large sun filled courtyard. Oscars has a great selection of wines, house made desserts and meals to be enjoyed in our award winning restaurant, or relax in our sun filled courtyard. Open 7 days for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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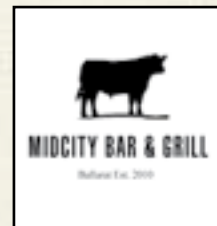
HOG'S BREATH CAFÉ

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MID CITY BAR & GRILL

MAP 1
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The flame grilled steaks have been enjoyed by Ballarat food-lovers since mid 2010. The menu has more than just the famous steaks, so grab your tastebuds and join us for dinner.

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RESTAURANT DA UDAY

MAP 1
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Nestled among the trees and lush gardens sits a culinary first for Ballarat. Restaurant Da Uday offers Indian, Italian and Thai Cuisine under the one roof. The Thai menu offers a range of spicy meat curries, as well as vegetarian and seafood dishes. The original clay oven has brought the traditional tandoori cuisine for the first time to Ballarat. The European style of cooking make the home made pastas, and meat dishes unique. And of course the pizza experience is one to keep coming back for.

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THE BEAN BARN

MAP 2
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The Bean Barn is Ballarat's own specialist coffee roastery. We select, and use, only quality Arabica coffee beans from around the world and roast them instore.

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RACER'S BAR AND CAFÉ

MAP 1
D4



On historic Webster Street at Lake Wendouree, Racer's oozes the charm of a revamped racy 1930's corner shop. Pop in for great coffee, food and wine, with house baked goods a specialty.

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THE PANCAKE KITCHEN

MAP 2
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History repeats: Ballarat's major events return year after year



Festivals, fairs, events and happenings feature in the Ballarat region all year round. Ballarat's cooler climate, stunning surrounds, wealth of accommodation and dining options all point to the region as an ideal place to hold any mass event or happening. The proof is in the calendar. Check out some of the Ballarat region's most iconic major events, then come for the excitement and stay as long as you like.

MARS CYCLING AUSTRALIA ROAD NATIONAL CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

5-10 January 2012

Attracts a world-class field of elite cyclists to the Ballarat region. Commences with the Australian Criterium Championship in the heart of Ballarat. The major event, the Australian Road Championship is witnessed by up to 15,000 spectators in nearby Buninyong on an ideal 10.2km semi-rural circuit with challenging climbs, fast winding downhill and a tough flat sprint to the finish in an environment resembling the Tour de France. The event concludes with the Australian Individual Time Trial Championship. www.cycleballarat.com.au

ORGANS OF THE BALLARAT GOLDFIELDS MUSIC FESTIVAL

13-22 January 2012

Hear beautiful classical music amid a fascinating range of settings including Her Majesty's Theatre, St Patrick's Cathedral, the garden of Opononui and more fascinating venues around the Ballarat region. Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and vocal performances are enhanced by the historic settings for a unique cultural experience. www.ballarat.com/organs

BALLARAT BEER FESTIVAL

21 January 2012

The Ballarat Beer Festival is a one-day event celebrating boutique beer, gourmet food and world-class entertainment. Join the summer celebrations at the City Oval Ballarat to sample craft beers from all over Victoria and relax listening to a fantastic world-class music line-up. The talented Clare Bowditch will headline the inaugural Ballarat Beer Festival along with Stonefield, Jordie Lane and lots of other great Australian talent. Home brewing television comedians Charlie Pickering and

Danny McGinlay will MC the event, and talk about their McGickering's Brewing Industries, "the world's leading comedic home brewing enterprise!". Beer Diva Kirrily Waldhorn will also be dropping by to share her expertise in matching beer and food. And if beer's not your thing, don't worry! There will be wine and non-alcoholic beverages on offer too. Plus, plenty of entertainment and fun for the kids. Visit www.ballaratbeerfestival.com.au

BALLARAT SPOKES FESTIVAL

10-12 February 2012

Cycling event now in its fifth year encouraging people of all ages, biking backgrounds and fitness levels to celebrate all things cycling in Ballarat. Features BMX, mountain bike, Madison track and a four-day return cycle tour from Ballarat to Bright. Participants in the Ballarat Spokes Cycle Classic can ride the Australian national championship course at nearby Mt Buninyong and pit themselves against the same course undertaken by the champions. www.cycleballarat.com.au

VICTORIAN PGA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

17-19 February 2012

See the world's best professional golfers at the Forest Resort Creswick where 144 professional golfers are expected in pursuit of the \$120,000 prize. The Victorian PGA will be the culmination of a week of golf, beginning with a junior pro-am on the Monday, a ladies pro-am on the Tuesday and a sponsors' pro-am on the Wednesday. www.pga.org.au

BALLARAT BEGONIA FESTIVAL

10-12 March 2012

The famous Begonia display and parade are just the start. Celebrating its 60th year, this iconic festival attracts over 20,000 visitors who enjoy a vast range of activities including free music, garden and nursery tours, horticulture talks, gourmet food and wine tastings, children's activities and much more for the whole family. All held in the picturesque surrounds of the Lake Wendouree foreshore and the Ballarat Botanical Gardens. www.ballaratbegoniafestival.com



BALLARAT ANTIQUE FAIR 10-12 March 2012

Simply Australia's largest and longest running antique fair. If you love antiques, it is not to be missed. Over 100 dealers bring quality antiques and collectables from around the world in a thriving fair atmosphere that is now in its 42nd year. www.ballaratantiquefair.com.au

AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 6-8 April 2012

Come to the highlands of the Ballarat region and hear pipe bands from around Australia in an event that draws thousands of participants and spectators over the Easter holiday weekend. Witness the amazing aural sensation of a pipe band in full flight, enjoy gourmet food and wine sourced from the region and take part in family-friendly activities to entertain the kids. Don't miss the traditional Scottish ceilidh when Eureka Stadium will thrill to the sounds of pipe and drum just like in the old highlands. www.australianpipebandchampionships.com.au



CLUNES BACK TO BOOKTOWN 5-6 May 2012

Witness the largest collection of rare, out of print and second hands books in Australia when over 60 booksellers from around the country gather in this historic village that resembles a European style booktown. Enjoy free writers' talks and meet guest writers, see street theatre, hear live music including the Australia Fair Grand Concert Street Organ, and enjoy local boutique food and wine. The kids don't miss out, with their own Children's Booktown quarter. Take the scenic road northwest of Ballarat. It's an easy 30-minute drive. www.booktown.clunes.org

BALLARAT HERITAGE WEEKEND 12-13 May 2012

Heritage and history come to life every year during the Mother's Day weekend when Ballarat's grand buildings, enchanting gardens, historic private residences and wonderful collections of heritage memorabilia are thrown open to the public. For 2012, the event will focus on 'Your Childhood Memories' and many of Ballarat's unique heritage

buildings will be open for public viewing, including the Town Hall, Mechanics' Institute, and Old Colonists' Club. Most of the open buildings also offer tours and 'behind the scenes' stories to these magnificent heritage assets. www.ballaratheritageweekend.com

VICTORIAN MASTERS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 19-20 May 2012

To be held on Lake Wendouree, the Victorian Masters Rowing Championship will feature our States best over 30's.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 24-27 May 2012

The 2012 Australian Masters Rowing Championships will be held at the revitalized Lake Wendouree. Be sure to get lakeside to cheer on the best of Australia's Masters.



ROYAL SOUTH STREET EISTEDDFOD July-October 2012

Australia's premier Grand Eisteddfod, held annually at Her Majesty's Theatre each year in a celebration of all the performing arts and attracting over 10,000 competitors from around Australia vying to win \$20,000 in prizes. Enjoy onstage appearances in plays, instrumental, dance and vocal performances and more. www.royalsouthstreet.com.au

BALLARAT'S FOOD AND WINE EXPO September 2012

Taste the delicious flavours of the Ballarat region in a gourmet celebration of local produce, award-winning cool climate wines and artisan food products including gourmet sauces, relishes, quality meats, sweet treats and baked goods. Plus local olives, a wide selection of oils and much more at the Wendouree Sports & Events Centre. Enjoy cooking demonstrations, wine tasting and local providore displays. www.tasteballarat.com.au/taste



BALLARAT FESTIVAL OF MOTORING **September 2012**

Witness vintage vehicles, iconic racing cars from decades by and a host of motoring fun in this event that brings the racing drivers of the past to relive their glory days in an historic re-creation of the races of days gone by. Static displays of vintage racing cars and much more on Father's Day weekend.

JAYCO HERALD SUN BIKE TOUR **October 2012**

Australia's oldest stage cycling race, navigating past some of Victoria's most picturesque scenery. www.cycleballarat.com.au

BALLARAT MOONCAKE FESTIVAL **October 2012**

Two-day celebration of the Ballarat region's Chinese heritage, held in the Mining Exchange. Brush the beard of Chinese dragon, Gum Loong, for good luck and enjoy lion-dance ceremonies, face painting, traditional Chinese music, lantern making and calligraphy.



SPRINGFEST MARKET SUNDAY **November 2012**

Visit the beautiful Lake Wendouree foreshore and enjoy one of Ballarat's biggest free one-day events. Activities for the whole family, including over 300 market stalls offering a range of local food and produce. www.ballaratpringfest.com.au

BALLARAT BY THE GLASS **November 2012**

Month-long festivities putting the spotlight on the region's best winemakers and restaurants. Ballarat by the Glass celebrates the Ballarat wine-growing region, combining food and wine with musical performances at each of Ballarat's vineyards, many of which are not usually open to the public. Enjoy musical performances in the idyllic surrounds of the wineries of this emerging wine region. www.ballaratwineries.com.au



Discover Ballarat's Historic Villages

That Ballarat is greater than the sum of its parts is proven by a tour of the region surrounding Ballarat. Travel outside the city itself and you'll enjoy discovering a range of beautiful, history-packed villages that stories tell of days gone by.

Perfectly preserved nineteenth century architecture, wide streets, tiny miners' cottages, hauntingly beautiful churches, fascinating cemeteries, and amazing monuments and statues all contribute to the region's sense of history and heritage.

Wherever you travel around Ballarat and its historic villages, you'll be taking a compelling journey into the history of Victoria.

BUNINYONG



Amazing as it seems, Buninyong was settled long before Ballarat was even thought of. In 1838, the Learmonth brothers established a sheep station nearby. Sawyers and wood splitters built its first huts in 1841 and an eating-house was established the same year.

Today's Buninyong, an easy 15-minute drive south of Ballarat, retains splendid colonial architecture. As one of Victoria's first inland settlements, Buninyong has kept a strong sense of its past and heritage. Its gracious old buildings set in wide serene streets are testament to boom times during the 1850s gold rush, when the population reached 10,000 people.

Many of the town's historic buildings have been faithfully restored and the town boasts a range of art and craft galleries, tearooms and boutique shopping stores. Nearby Mount Buninyong overlooks the township and offers breathtaking views of the region and an abundance of walking tracks.

Start at the Old Library in Warrenheip Street for information, maps and things to see (open Tue and Wed 10am-12.30pm; Sun 10am-3pm). Or visit the Historical Society at the Old Court House in Learmonth Street (third Saturday of each month 9.30am-11.30am). Or just ask a local.

BLACKSMITH STRIKES GOLD IN BUNINYONG

Stroll down the main street and look up at the old buildings, some of which date to the mid-1800s when many of the town's 10,000 residents were chasing riches associated with the goldfields. Local blacksmith Thomas Hiscock was the first, in August 1851, to discover a piece of the lustrous metal, just where a memorial marks the spot - on the north side of the Midland Hwy 2km west of the village, just before the cemetery. Other historical plaques can be found 400m along Hiscock Gully Road.

TOWN HALL AND COURT HOUSE (1886)

The Italianate-style Buninyong Town Hall is an excellent example of impressive colonial goldfields architecture. Originally the building was of three sections, with the hall in the centre, the council

offices to the right and the courthouse to the left. Today, the hall hosts the annual film festival and other events, while the old courthouse is the home of the Buninyong & District Historical Society.

NATIONAL BANK (1866)

Banking services started in Buninyong in 1859 when the National Bank of Australasia opened an agency near the corner of Learmonth and Warrenheip streets. The bank purchased the site from John Adams who conducted the bakery and general store next door. The present fine building was opened in 1866. It was closed as a bank in 1974.

LIBRARY/MECHANICS' INSTITUTE (1859)

One of the oldest buildings in Buninyong. It was a gift to the town by local mill-owner and five times Mayor Robert Allen, to be used as a library and Mechanics' Institute. Now provides visitor information, displays local history and maintains cemetery records. Heritage-listed and owned/operated by the Cemetery Trust.

CROWN HOTEL (1851)

Selleck's Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1884, and the present two-storey gabled building replaced it in the same year.

THE EAGLE HOTEL (1858)

Ornate gold-boom building, classified by the National Trust, with columns and various carved heads on facade. Since closing as a hotel it has been a store and offices.

WHYKES BUTCHER'S SHOP (1893)

The Whykes family purveyed meat to the residents of Buninyong from 1864 until 2000. The two-storey brick building is now a coffee shop/bistro.

THE OLD POLICE COURT HOUSE (1858)

Built of sandstone on the site of the early police camp set up to administer law and order on the local goldfields, it fell into disuse when the new Court Houses opened in 1886. Later used as a butter factory and then a council works depot. The restored Court House was opened in 1995.



THE OLD POST OFFICE (1874)

Replacing many smaller unofficial post offices, this building served as the Buninyong Post Office from 1874 until it closed in 2000. The current post office is in Warrenheip Street.

ADAM'S STORE (1852)

Iconic weatherboard building, a store and bakery built by John Adams who from 1855 was also Buninyong's postmaster. Other owners were J.W. Wilson, Percy Lyne, and the Earns family who operated the bakery and store from about 1930 to 1989.



Buninyong's historic parks and gardens

DE SOZA PARK

Take a stroll along the banks of Union Jack creek through the centre of Buninyong and discover this park's peaceful exotic and native trees, while meditating on some of the history of the area. In the area of the park nearest to Warrenheip Street there are the remains of the shaft and mullock heap of the Old Crown Mine. The mine's air vent (capped in 1991) is in the grounds at the rear of the Old Library. At the far western end of the park area, about opposite Cathcart Street, the creek was formerly the site of old miners' dams, the town reservoir and a large tannery. Fast-forwarding to the present day, the park now hosts concerts, Christmas carols and local festival events as well as being a much-loved corner of serenity for locals and a stop-off point for visitors. It was named after mining entrepreneur and benefactor Henry de Soza.



BUNINYONG BOTANIC GARDENS

Buninyong's peaceful Botanic Gardens have a fascinating connection with Melbourne's own botanic gardens. When ten acres of land were reserved in 1861 for the purpose, many specimens of trees and plants were donated by the famous Ferdinand von Mueller of Melbourne's Royal Botanical Gardens.

With upper and lower sections divided by an embankment on Cornish Street, the Botanic Gardens boast a range of features. The upper section centres on the small lake, known as the Gong, and walking paths lead up the hill towards the historic Catholic Church. On the southern side of the Gong can be seen the old bluestone brewery where beer was brewed from 1855-1873.

The lower gardens feature towering trees, graceful shrubs and quiet walkways, plus an ornamental pool and island, the historic Victoria rotunda (erected as a memorial to Queen Victoria following her death in 1901), an old swimming pool formerly fed by the spring waters of the Gong and now converted into sunken gardens; and, in the south east-corner, the old sandstone Courthouse.



VILLAGE LIFE

Today, life in Buninyong is easy going. Active community groups abound. Many residents' families have been here for generations, while newer residents have been attracted by the area's beauty and sense of history. Many are staff and students from the University, giving the town something of an Oxbridge flavour with a rural accent.

Buninyong wineries: where vines dot the slopes

Buninyong has a vibrant winemaking scene that is a real find. Visit cellar doors in the region and discover locally produced reds, whites and samples of local foods.

Wineries dot the slopes of Mt Buninyong, some with stunning views of the surrounding countryside. The volcanic soils of the region produce food friendly wines that reflect the cool climate.



History lies in Buninyong's churches and cemeteries

Buninyong boasts a wealth of nineteenth century small village-style churches, some built from bluestone quarried from, or bricks made in, the area. Each has fascinating links to the founders of the village who came from Scotland, England and Ireland in the years from 1838.

Uniting Church (1860) in Learmonth Street was initially the Presbyterian Church and was served by Buninyong's first Minister, the Rev Thomas Hastie, from 1847 to 1888. Look for his commemoration in the church's beautiful stained glass window.

St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church (1858) is tucked away on a knoll in Fiskin Street and is the oldest of Buninyong's existing churches with its foundation stone dating 1853. It was pre-dated by the area's first Catholic school, operating on the site from 1851.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church (1862) is located in a beautiful treed setting on the corner of Warrenheip and Yuille streets. Look for the marble stone memorial to its first priest, the Rev Garret Russel, and a large stained glass window. The redbrick building to the rear was built in 1857 and operated as a denominational school until 1872.

A little further along Warrenheip Street, the red brick Methodist Church (1865) replaced a wooden one built in 1853, and operated until the establishment of the Uniting Church in 1974. It is now a private residence.

VICTORIA'S SECOND CEMETERY

Buninyong's cemetery, located about 3km west of the village centre, is the second-registered cemetery in Victoria, its first recorded burial occurring in 1852. Typical in gold-mining areas, many early deaths in Buninyong were caused by unhygienic conditions; women dying in childbirth, men killed in mining accidents and rampant childhood diseases. The beautifully maintained and historic cemetery straddles a small creek and lakes, and is where most of the district's rich and poor have been buried since the 1850s. Divided into four denominational sections, the cemetery also has a small Chinese section. A database of burials is kept at the Old Library.

THE OLD BURIAL GROUND

Stop at Learmonth Street, near the old Post Office, and look for a white picket fence. Here is Buninyong's Old Burial Ground, the oldest in the Goldfields region. But you'd never know it was there unless you knew where to look. While the first burial took place in this cemetery around 1837, the site was abandoned in the 1850s and no record of who is buried here has survived. Who knows what history, what stories, what past tragedies, and what long and short lives lay below this small parcel of land? Look for the plaque on the stone and the bunya bunya tree.



Walk or drive around historic Buninyong

Freely available maps and other details of walking tracks in Buninyong can be obtained at the Information Centre in the Old Library. Ask about the walk in Union Jack Reserve (with the accessible Locomotive Mine), walks to and around Mt Buninyong, and local sections of the Wallaby Track - part of Victoria's Goldfields Track.

MOUNT BUNINYONG

Take the Midland Highway east from the village centre 3km to the top of Mount Buninyong, an ancient extinct volcano. Here, you are 745m above sea level. Now climb the tower for breathtaking views: Geelong to the Southeast, the sweeping western plains and the Grampians, to the west and the lakes and Pyrenees to the northwest.

GARIBALDI

Stop at this small community some 10km from Buninyong on the Durham Lead road and see one of the best examples of the small rural schools that once dotted most areas of the district. Years ago, children would have walked miles or ridden on horseback to schools such as this.

LAL LAL

The Lal Lal pastoral run was one of the largest in Victoria. The beautiful homestead and lake is open to the public on special occasions. Check out the spectacular Lal Lal Falls on the Moorabool River, the bluestone railway station, the blast furnace where iron was once smelted for all manner of industrial and agricultural equipment, and the second-hand building materials yard. Then enjoy a drink and meal at the old Lal Lal Hotel and talk about old times.



BUNINYONG GOLF CLUB

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HIT GOLD AT BUNINYONG

Superbly conditioned 18 hole golf course with all guests welcome. Green fee players, social groups and corporate golf days all welcome. We specialise in individually catered events from birthdays to business meetings and wedding receptions. Family dinners each Thursday at 6pm. Caddy Kidz each Thursday, and Golf Made Gorgeous – Ladies each Friday. Bookings essential.

613 Learmonth St, Buninyong VIC 3357

P: (03) 5341 3217

E: admin@buninyonggolfclub.com.au

W: www.buninyonggolfclub.com.au



B.GENTLE FACTORY

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B.Gentle features a beautiful range of soaps handmade from natural ingredients at Mt Buninyong. Reminiscent of a 1950's candy store, including boutique product lines with a focus on vintage retro and supporting local and Australian designers.

4, 403 Warrenheip St, Buninyong VIC 3357

P: (03) 5341 8297

E: enquiries@bgentle.com.au W: www.bgentle.com.au

ESPRESSO DEPOT

MAP 1
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Whether visiting or passing through Buninyong make a visit to Espresso Depot a part of your day. The locals do!!
Open daily from 7.00am and licensed.

315 Learmonth St, Buninyong VIC 3357
P: 0419 849 666
W: www.espressodepot.com.au



BOWERBIRD COTTAGE

MAP 1
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Bowerbird Cottage is a unique little shop full of delightful pieces for you to enjoy – a real Aladdains cave. We have giftware, china, antiques, glassware, bric-a-brac, prints, furniture, jewellery (new, costume, silver and estate), collectables and much more! Open Tuesday to Thursday 11am-5pm and every Saturday and Sunday 12-5pm. Opposite Buninyong Cemetery.

7594 Midland Hwy, Magpie VIC 3352 P: (03) 5341 8303



BUNINYONG BAKEHOUSE

MAP 3
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A taste-tempting range of breads, rolls, pies and cakes awaits you. Baked on site, fresh daily. Come in and sample the fantastic range on offer. Open 7 days per week. Catering orders welcome.

318 Learmonth St, Buninyong VIC 3357 P: (03) 5341 2199



BUNINYONG FOODWORKS

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Buninyong FoodWorks prides itself on its fresh, contemporary approach to retail whilst still retaining a friendly, community-focused relationship with its customers.

320 Learmonth St, Buninyong VIC 3357 P: (03) 5341 3263
E: buninyong@stores.foodworks.com.au



CHOCALATTO

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Buninyong's wonderful chocolate shop has yummy chocolate, ice cream and coffee with a comfortable sitting area for you to relax and sample their delicious wares. Open 7 days 9am-5pm.

513 Warrenheip St, Buninyong VIC 3357
P: (03) 5341 8333

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FAMMARTINO'S LAL LAL FALLS HOTEL

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Great beer, great meals, great music, great country atmosphere, great pub. Open weekdays 3.30pm until late. Saturday and Sunday 11.30am until late. Lunches available Saturday and Sunday. Dinner Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Bookings essential.

Clarendon Rd, Lal Lal VIC 3352 P: (03) 5341 7574

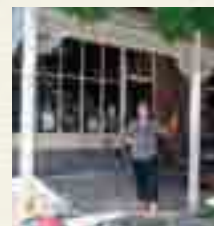


KAZOKU COLLECTABLES

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Japanese, English collectables/antiques and bric-a-brac.

317 Learmonth St, Buninyong VIC 3357
P: 0411 835 342



UNIQUE GARDEN DECOR

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Situated in the picturesque township of Buninyong, Unique Garden Decor extends a warm invitation for you to view their exclusive collection of garden inspired furniture and accessories to decorate your home for indoor to out. Our vast collection of decorater items will bring you delight and inspiration.

401 Warrenheip St, Buninyong VIC 3357 P: (03) 5341 2582
W: www.uniquegardendecor.biz



ZUNI GALLERY

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Zuni Gallery is a new addition to the Buninyong experience. Be amazed at the range of contemporary homewares, giftware and artwork by prominent local artists. Zuni Accommodation, in the heart of Buninyong, adjoins the gallery and features a one-bedroom fully self contained unit in a quiet garden setting.

307 Warrenheip St, Buninyong VIC 3357 P: 0421 164 710 or 0434 730 985

LEARMONTH



21 kilometres northwest of Ballarat lies this small hamlet on the shores of Lake Learmonth. It is an ideal setting for camping, fishing and boating.

Learmonth was settled by grazier Thomas Livingstone Learmonth in August 1837 after explorer Major Mitchell had visited the area up to a year earlier. Its early prominence was due to its location providing the easiest access from Melbourne through a gap in the Great Dividing Range to the grazing lands of the Avoca and Wimmera rivers.

In the early 1860s Learmonth was a busy, prosperous town, with four large blacksmithing establishments making farm implements at a time when Ballarat smithies were too busy catering for the mines. Learmonth also boasted six hotels and excellent stores, saddlers' shops and bakeries.

The Learmonth Heritage Walk introduces visitors to the many historic buildings and monuments. For cyclists, Learmonth is part of the two lakes sports ride. Free copies of the Learmonth Heritage Walk brochure are available in Learmonth from The Learmonth General Store and Post Office, The Stag Hotel and Cafe 321.

THE STAG HOTEL

The Stag Hotel is closely associated with the early history of Learmonth, being the second oldest hotel in the Ballarat district, (the oldest being Craig's Royal Hotel). The Stag Hotel was established in 1854, the first licence being granted to a Mr Mackenzie, and the licence was held by a member of the Mackenzie family continuously for 68 years.



NATIONAL BANK

The Learmonth branch of the National Bank opened for business on November 19th 1866 with Mr. E E Crombie as its first manager. The Shire of Ballarat shifted its business from the Bank of Victoria to the Learmonth branch in 1868. The Learmonth National Bank was one of the first two rural National Banks to be established, after the agricultural population became more stable after the mining frenzy. Bank managers were held in high regard in the community, as they joined in community activities and promoted the welfare of the district.

321 LEARMONTH CAFE

A family friendly restaurant that uses local and regional produce to create tempting country style dishes to enjoy either at breakfast, lunch, morning or afternoon tea. Enjoy the ambience of the cafe surrounded by volcanic hills and scenic views, an ideal way to while away a day in any weather.

Children can run freely in the kitchen garden where there are free-range chickens and the star attraction, a house peahen named Clyde. Meanwhile adults can enjoy the freshly ground coffee, delicious cakes, or an antipasto accompanied by a glass of regional wine or the refreshing 321 Dry Cider.

In the colder weather, relax and keep warm by the wood stove and when the day is fine, the outdoor area is ideal. 321's emphasis is on using local and regional products. They source as much as they can from nearby Ballarat and the local region. This, in turn, means the menu changes according to the season giving visitors the freshest possible dishes to select from.

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Golden Plains, just south of Ballarat, is renowned for its award winning wines of the Moorabool Valley, iconic festivals, breathtaking natural beauty and open spaces.

Download the free Golden Plains phone app and let it guide you around the region, and keep you up-to-date on the local festivals and major events.

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Victoria's final gold rush occurred in Golden Plains, in the township of Berringa. More than 50 years of rich historical gold rush story is still being told by the remnant townships, buildings and mine sites found at Smythesdale, Linton, Jubilee Mine, Steiglitz and Enfield State Park.

The enduring agricultural heritage of Golden Plains has seen it become a gourmet paradise. The local produce is renowned across Australia and able to be experienced through various cellar doors, farm gates and the award winning Golden Plains Farmers' Market.

Through the gateway townships of Smythesdale in the north and Bannockburn and Inverleigh in the south, it's easy to spend a day in Golden Plains.

ICONIC FESTIVALS & ARTS

Golden Plains is home to several iconic festivals such as Meredith Music Festival and its offspring, Golden Plains Festival. The Bluestone Blues Festival is a great way to see in the New Year, with a long line up of classic and emerging blues artists performing. The Warrambeen Film Festival, a unique on-farm event featuring world-class short films, live music and a market providing local produce, has something for the whole family. Each of these festivals showcases the rural landscape of Golden Plains as they occur in the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre, on farms or in the settlement of Murgheboluc.

You can also explore the wide range of local galleries and studios along the Golden Plains Arts Trail. Or enjoy the magnificent public art in the natural landscape of the region any time of the year.



BALLARAT-SKIPTON RAIL TRAIL

Cycle, walk or horse ride the 53 kilometre trail that begins at the Ballarat Railway Station, and meanders through the north of the Golden Plains region, in true Goldfields country.

Completely resurfaced in 2008 and with the historic Nimons Bridge now fully restored, the trail has you encounter sights and structures from Victoria's gold mining and rail histories, breathtaking farmlands, forest and bush lands alive with native birds and wildflowers.

This trail is suitable for the whole family.

You can stop along the way in historic small towns such as Linton and Smythesdale where you will find excellent amenities for refreshments and vivid remnants of Victoria's gold rush.

Download the free Golden Plains phone app and let it guide you. Go to www.visitgoldenplains.com.au

CLYDE PARK

BANNOCKBURN



Since 1979, Clyde Park Vineyard has drawn tourists with its award winning premium boutique style wine, sophisticated bistro and enticing country views. Situated just 35 minutes south of Ballarat, you'll find this exquisite venue easily on the Midland Hwy. Unwind with a gourmet lunch overlooking breathtaking countryside, or indulge in a glass of wine or two... either way you'll fall head over heels for Clyde Park's unique country charm.

Cellar Door & Bistro

Open 11:00am—5:00pm weekends and public holidays (excluding Christmas Day and Good Friday).

Summer trading hours: Thursday and Friday lunch from 12.00 noon, Sunday Soiree dinner to 9.00pm. Open every day in January.

Clyde Park Vineyard

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Central Goldfields



In Central Goldfields Shire, you can discover the history of the early goldfields while immersing yourself in the charm of provincial Victoria.

Take the opportunity to experience rare, cultural treasures in the villages of the goldfields and escape urban life on the walking paths and cycling tracks that wind their way through the box ironbark forest linking small, delightful townships. Heritage buildings, picturesque streetscapes and a range of activities await you, set against the backdrop of genuine country benefits such as clear skies, open spaces and a relaxed pace of daily life.

Travel by train and be greeted by Maryborough's finest attractions

Board the train at Ballarat and enjoy a relaxing journey, arriving at Maryborough's iconic Railway Station. Break your journey with a coffee or meal at the Station Café while you peruse the antique emporium.

Then step outside the main building and into Station Domain — a new, world class, outdoor facility for all to enjoy. With regular weekend entertainment during the summer months, Station Domain is the ideal place to picnic, gather and celebrate, with attractions such as a large playground, outdoor amphitheatre and extensive grassed areas. Visit Maryborough and experience Station Domain for yourself.

FOOD AND WINE

Enjoy local cuisine created with fresh local produce, and a variety of local wines. Old-fashioned country style meals and service are offered at local historic pubs and alfresco dining or light lunches are readily available. Try a glass or two of great local wine or partake of locally brewed ale. Be tempted by freshly baked loaves, cakes and pastries. If you're planning a day of hectic activity, grab a delicious wholesome breakfast before you go.

Head out on a Taste of Gold Food and Wine Trail to discover hidden treasures off the beaten track. The Central Goldfields Trail features a variety of natural foods, wines, beverages, tourist attractions and country style accommodation. Pick up a trail brochure from the Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre to begin your journey.

EVENTS AND FESTIVAL

The region is proud to host a number of different events and festivals throughout the year, including:

- Farmers' markets;
- Sporting events;
- Food and wine festivals;
- Heritage and arts festivals;

With so much on offer there is sure to be something to tempt everyone. A full list of annual events can be obtained by contacting Maryborough's Visitor Information Centre on 5460 4511.



ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Central Goldfields Shire offers an array of activities involving arts and cultural heritage.

Visitors can engage in the arts by:

- Visiting historic museums and places of interest;
- Viewing fine works at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery;
- Exploring hidden goldfields cemeteries;
- Cycling to historic early goldfields villages;
- Searching for antiques and collectables at one of the “hidden gem” collectors’ shops; or
- Participating in the Taste of Gold Heritage Weekend, held in April every second year.

RETAIL OUTLETS

Maryborough is well on the way to establishing itself as the shopping hub of the Central Goldfields. Shop around in the sophisticated speciality stores and outlets throughout the area.

A little shopping in Maryborough is sure to surprise. You’ll find there are great fashion and shoe outlets, gift shops, homewares, collectables, decorator items and arts and crafts. For those who enjoy hunting for special finds, the region has a number of antique and collectable stores to browse in.

With four large supermarkets and Country Target and Kmart in town, Maryborough has all you need for variety store shopping. For those who are inclined towards D.I.Y there are some fabulous hardware stores to choose from.

The surrounding towns of Dunolly, Talbot and Carisbrook, offer visitors niche shopping and market experiences. The Talbot Farmers’ Market, held on the third Sunday of each month, draws people from all over Victoria and is widely considered an exemplary farmers market.

SPORTS AND LEISURE

Maryborough and Surrounds is the envy of central Victoria with its highly regarded sport and recreation facilities. The town boasts many opportunities for visitors with attractions such as: parks and walking tracks; indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities; cycling tracks; golf courses; and gold detecting.

Pyrenees Wine Region

The Pyrenees foothills and ranges create a remarkable diversity of microclimates that provide a wealth of variety for winemakers. The 44 vineyards in the region grow about 25 varieties of grapes, but the Pyrenees' strength and reputation lies in its savoury, spicy reds and in particular, premium cabernet sauvignon. Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc also respond beautifully to the soils and climate here. The area is also home to many local producers of quality produce including, lamb, olives, capers and much more. Beaufort is the ideal base from which to explore and discover the masterpieces lurking in a bottle somewhere amongst those beautiful hills!

BEAUFORT

Located 50 kilometres west of Ballarat, Beaufort was once home to up to 100,000 people. The mining area, known as Fiery Creek, produced 450,000 ounces of gold over a two-year period from 1855-1856. Today the township is home to a number of historic buildings, a variety of local cafés and restaurants serving local gourmet food and wine and a number of treasure filled antique stores.

BEAUFORT MARKET

Held at Memorial Park on the 1st Saturday of every month, Beaufort Market specialises in local gourmet food, arts, crafts, plants and secondhand collectables, with proceeds to Beaufort Community House.

RAINBOW SERPENT FESTIVAL

From its original small gathering in a secluded clearing, the Rainbow Serpent Festival has become an internationally recognised, multifaceted weekend of dance, colour, expression and celebration. People travel from all over the world each January to experience what some have said is the best outdoor festival of its type in the Southern Hemisphere. No longer just an electronic music festival these days you can expect to experience a unique combination of music, art, performance, spiritual education, relaxation and healing. "While dancing their Dreamings, aborigines spiritually connect themselves to the land and to the Dreamtime. The drumming of feet during the dance draws the earth into dialogue with the dancers, allowing the ceremony to bring the power of the Dreaming to life." Visit rainbowserpent.net for details, dates, tickets and location.

LAKE GOLDSMITH STEAM RALLY

The 100th anniversary of this historic rally will take place on November 3, 4 and 5 2012. See steam and oil engines, operational 90 ton steam shovel, steam fired powerhouse, blacksmith, Furphy tank rebarrelling, tractors, motorcycles, cars and trucks. Grand parade 2:15pm daily. Wood bending, radio controlled model boats, steam ploughing, chaff cutting, threshing and straw baling, regular dragline, farm machinery and dairy demonstrations.

MAWALLOK OPEN GARDEN

Designed by renowned landscape architect, William Guilfoyle, this significant garden at historic Western District property Mawallok will be open to the public during the weekend of 17 March 2012 in conjunction with Australia's Open Garden Scheme. This impressive 7-acre garden is the best remaining example in private hands of the work of Guilfoyle, who was the architect of Melbourne's Botanic Gardens. Mawallok Homestead, 3802 Geelong Road, Stockyard Hill.



SUCH VINE MEMORIES

Pyrenees Wine Region

The Pyrenees Wine Region, on the doorstep of the Grampians and just 45 minutes from Ballarat, is perfect for a day long getaway or why not check out the fabulous range of boutique accommodation? Tour the famous wineries or get off the beaten track and explore some of the less populated tracks of Mount Cole and the Pyrenees Ranges. It is all here for you to discover.

For a free copy of the new Pyrenees Visitor Guide, call us on 1800 206 622

www.pyreneestourism.org.au

PYRENEES SHIRE

MT BUANGOR STATE PARK

Located to the northwest of Beaufort, features the popular Middle Creek camping area that is joined by a 15km network of tracks to the Ferntree Falls campsite. It also the starting point for the strenuous Cave Walking Track. Take a picnic in Bales picnic area or the Ferntree Falls camping and picnic area, where you will find the short and easy self-guided Waterfalls Nature Walk and other longer paths. The northern section of the park can be accessed from the Main Mount Cole Rd, which leads through Mt Cole State Forest.

MT COLE STATE FOREST

Small timber mills were set up here in the 1840s and they prospered in the gold rush era. Features numerous picnic and camping areas, clearly signposted off the Main Mt Cole Rd. An extensive system of walking tracks ranges from short family walks to overnight hikes including a 4-km walk through fern gullies and dry sclerophyll forest at the Ditchfield Camping Area along Camp Rd (signposted off Mt Cole Rd). You can admire the views from several fine lookouts in the forest, including Lookout Hill and Ben Nevis, part of the Mt Cole plateau.

CRESWICK



A beautiful and historic town 18 kilometres north of Ballarat, Creswick was established in 1851. By 1854 Creswick was bursting at the seams with 25,000 prospectors. Today 3,000 people call Creswick home. Take a town walking tour and discover gold all over again in the form of its buildings and gold mining sites. Don't miss the Creswick Miners' Walk, Creswick Regional Park and the Creswick Woollen Mills. The main street featured in US television series Salem's Lot.

Swim or canoe on stunning St George's Lake. Paddle in the waters of Slaty Creek where you can still picnic or pan for gold. Or spend a winter's weekend in one of the delightful B&Bs tucked away in the rolling hills around the district. There's something to do year-round in Creswick.

The Lindsay children, of one of Australia's most important arts families, were born and raised in Creswick in the late 1800s and early 1900s and continued to have connections with the town well into the 20th century. There are consistent references to the Lindsay's' childhood hometown in both the visual art and literature produced by the Lindsay siblings throughout their careers.

THE LEGACY OF THE LINDSAYS FESTIVAL

The Legacy of the Lindsays Festival is held annually in April to commemorate the historic contribution of this family to Australia's arts and cultural heritage.

THE CRESWICK MUSEUM

Housed in the former Municipal Offices of the Shire of Creswick, situated in the 1876 Town Hall, a magnificent two storey National Trust classified building complete with a tower and clock. The interior of the building is notable for the magnificent classic winding staircase of local basalt. From the balcony on the second floor you can look down onto the Lindsay Gallery. The Museum has special exhibitions on a regular basis and is open weekends and public holidays 11am-3.30pm and other times by special arrangement.

TANGLED MAZE

Five kilometres east of Creswick on the Midland Highway, the Tangled Maze is a botanical delight with a great mystery trail and views as far as the eye can see. Browse Mistydowns Nursery with roses, and perennials peonies and fabulous gardens to walk through. A café and function centre is available and the Sunday Long Lunch in the atrium with its fine food and wine selection is a regular event for Creswick visitors.

NOVOTEL FOREST RESORT

The hotel is situated on 150 acres of bush land and is surrounded by an 18 hole champion golf course. Harvest 383 restaurant at Forest Resort showcases seasonally designed menus reflecting the best of the region with an extensive selection of local wine. Springs Bar boasts spectacular views over the golf course plus a beautiful alfresco area. The resort features a health and wellness centre and a conference centre for up to 600 people. 1500 Midland Hwy, Creswick.

CRESWICK WOOLLEN MILLS

MAP 1
C1



Visit and tour the last coloured woollen spinning mill of its kind in Australia, designing and manufacturing since 1947.

Creswick offers luxurious, high quality, natural fibre products designed with Australian conditions in mind.

Factory outlet open 7 days.

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TANGLES AT THE TANGLED MAZE

MAP 1
C1

You'll love the views and you'll love the meals prepared by our fabulous chef. Weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and family gatherings. Sunday Long Lunch in the Atrium Room. Enjoy our beautiful gardens. Bookings essential.

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THE TANGLED MAZE AND MISTYDOWNS NURSERY

MAP 1
C1

Enjoy being lost in the unique Tangled Maze. 2 metre high walls covered in 1000's of climbers and twiners. Mystery trails, mini golf, giant chess, café and meals. Mistydowns Nursery – roses, peonies and perennials.

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TUKI

MAP 1
C1



From the pond to the pan, from the paddock to the plate, the menu at Tuki draws upon our farm produce.

Let the kids have some fun fishing and then dine upon your catch. Here's the best part, we will clean and prepare it for you and serve it to you with all the trimmings.

It's the perfect scene: your cast, our crew, the best lines and a happy ending.

60 Stoney Rises Rd, Smeaton VIC 3364

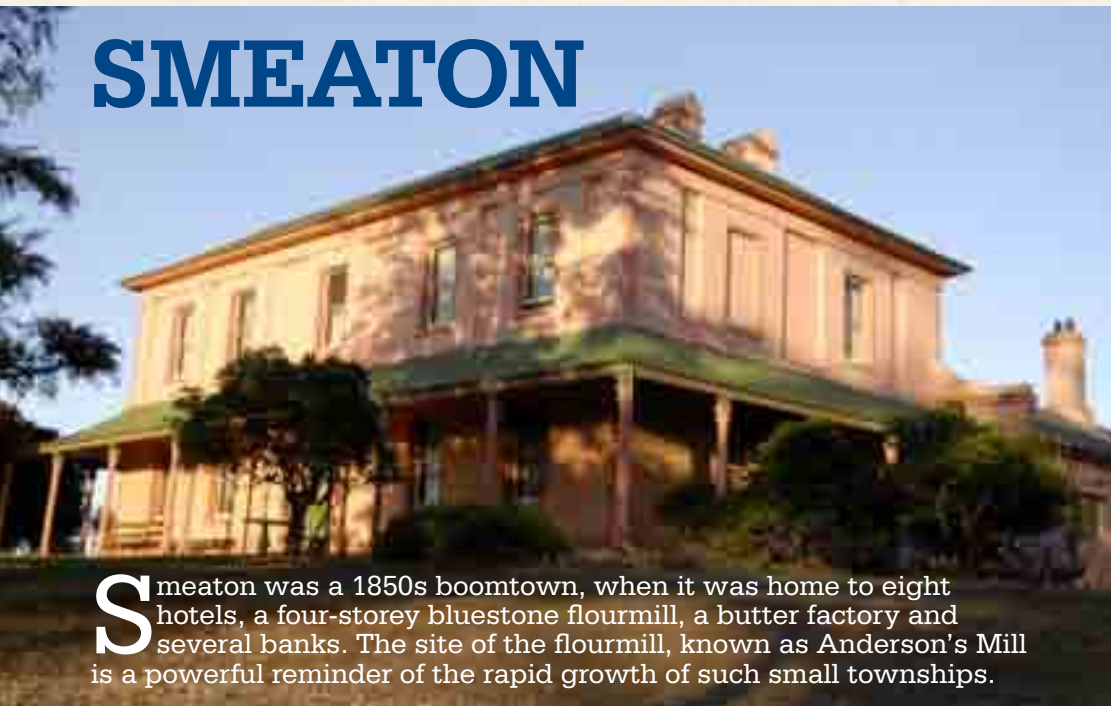
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SMEATON



Smeaton was a 1850s boomtown, when it was home to eight hotels, a four-storey bluestone flourmill, a butter factory and several banks. The site of the flourmill, known as Anderson's Mill is a powerful reminder of the rapid growth of such small townships.

Today, it offers tantalising hints of its thriving past. Surrounding the town, huge mullock heaps are all that remain of a once-flourishing mining industry. But some things never change; the town's social nucleus is still the Cumberland Hotel, established in 1860. Smeaton is an easy 31 kilometres north of Ballarat.

ANDERSON'S MILL

Pack a picnic and enjoy it by a trickling creek next to this 150-year-old mill. National Trust classified, the five-storey bluestone Anderson's Mill sits in a picture-postcard setting on the banks of Birch's creek at Smeaton. Its iron water wheel stands today much like it was over a hundred years ago. Open the first Sunday of each month from 12 noon until 4pm (entry and guide by donation). A family festival is held here in April each year. The Mill grounds may be enjoyed at any time.

SMEATON HOUSE

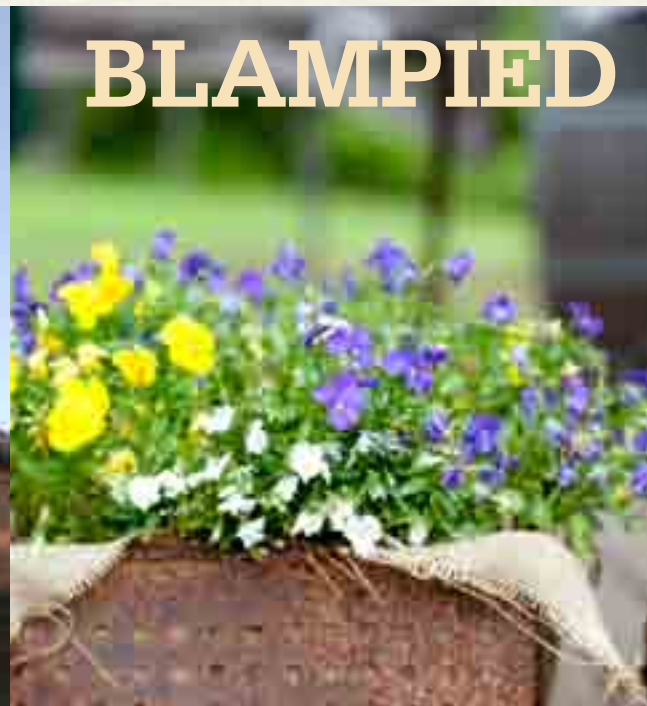
One of the state's earliest substantial homesteads, this two-storey stuccoed brick Regency mansion was built in 1849-50 for the settlement's founder,

John Hepburn. He now lies in the small private family cemetery nearby that is fenced and surrounded by trees. Smeaton House is privately owned but can plainly be seen from the roadside without intruding upon the privacy of the proprietors.

TUKI TROUT FARM

At Tuki you are guaranteed to catch a trout and there is assistance available for those new to fishing. There are 6 ponds you can fish from; a couple at the top of the hill are heavily stocked so success for your child is generally assured. After you have caught your trout we will clean & package it for you to take home or you can have it cooked in the restaurant. The rods hired out are well maintained rods & reels so it is a chance for you to become acquainted with casting and using a rod. For the experienced fisherman our lower ponds offer a chance to practice with your own equipment whether it is a lure or fly rod. Tuki Restaurant is open daily from 11am till 6pm or at other times by arrangement. It is a great venue for social gatherings, family events and weddings. Accommodation is also available.

BLAMPIED



A quaint hamlet set in rolling countryside on the Ballarat-Daylesford Road, 35 kilometres northeast of Ballarat.

It's 1865 Swiss Mountain Hotel is said to be Victoria's oldest continually licensed hotel. The walls of this atmospheric pub are adorned with historic photos, one of which, taken around 1910, shows that the hotel has barely altered since horse and cart lumbered past on their way from Daylesford to Ballarat.

CAPTAIN'S CREEK ORGANIC WINES

An inviting cellar door featuring organic wine and cider, regional beers, hand made local cheeses and seasonal farm-fresh produce. Lunches served 12-3pm. Open 11am-5pm weekends and public holidays and other times by appointment. Kangaroo Hills Rd, Blampied www.captainscreek.com



CAPTAINS CREEK ORGANIC WINES

MAP 1
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Inviting cellar door located 25 minutes from Ballarat towards Daylesford offering organic wine and cider tastings, regional beers, Goldfields Farmhouse Cheeses and seasonal farm fresh produce. Open 11am-5pm weekends and public holidays with lunches served 12-3pm weekends and wood-fired pizzas 6-9pm Fridays. Functions welcome.

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CLUNES



Clunes is known as Australia's most original 19th century town, boasting more than 50 buildings of historical significance. Located an easy 30-minute drive north west of Ballarat, film crews regularly flock to this wonderfully-preserved old town and use its nineteenth century street façade as a backdrop for TV and movies. Blessed with history, beauty, environment and nature, Clunes is an idyllic destination for the weekend getaway, or just a country drive day trip.

You'll feel like a movie extra yourself as you take a stroll under the wide verandas that shade beautiful old shops along its broad main street. Or lose track of time in the Clunes Museum or gaze in wonder at the remains of the huge Port Phillip Mine, 35 kilometres north west of Ballarat.

You'll find dusty antique and collectable stores, boutique vineyards and wineries, rustic bed & breakfasts and scenic walks. Clunes has a thriving arts scene, with regular artists' markets, two annual literary festivals and much more.

BACK TO BOOKTOWN

Back to Booktown, held each May, brings the world of literature to Clunes. Thousands of booksellers, writers and speakers from all over the nation and overseas flock to the historic town, where they attend events, readings, book-signings and interviews. Back to Booktown is staged right across the town, inside heritage bluestone buildings, on the quartz streets, under charming old awnings and in the shade of majestic European trees planted by the first settlers.

WORDS IN WINTER

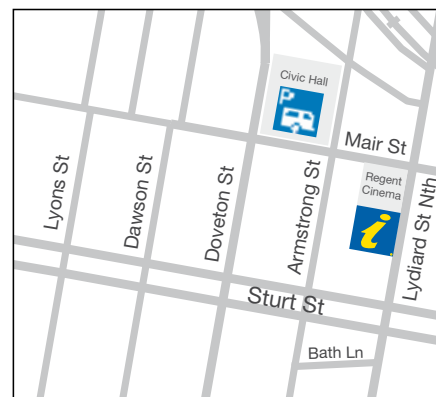
An annual August event, Words in Winter continues the literary theme and celebrates words in all their forms. Good reasons to be in Clunes include exhibitions, readings, poetry slam, limerick and haiku competitions, and even musical events.



BALLARAT VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Ballarat's accredited Visitor Information Centre is located on historic Lydiard Street in the heart of Ballarat's CBD. Here you'll receive a warm welcome from a local, along with expert advice and quality information on the diverse range of attractions and accommodation options in Ballarat and the surrounding region. The visitor centre also offers:

- Accommodation booking service
- Visitor internet access
- Gift shop with quality Australian and local products



Ballarat Visitor Information Centre

43 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat.

Free call: 1800 44 66 33

Email: information@ballarat.vic.gov.au

www.visitballarat.com.au

Open 9am – 5pm daily (Closed Christmas Day).

Caravan parking is available at the Civic Hall on Mair St.

Go to www.visitballarat.com.au to book your accommodation and plan your Ballarat experience or call us free on **1800 44 66 33**



BALLARAT
REGIONAL TOURISM

GENERAL SERVICES



UFS PHARMACY – STURT STREET

MAP 1
C4

OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm; Saturday and Sunday 9am to 5pm;
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This symbol represents a tourism excellence and commitment to industry professionalism. Those operators who gain this accreditation continuously work to improve their business to ensure they can meet and satisfy expectations.

General information

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POISONS INFORMATION SERVICE

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PHARMACIES

Ballarat has a range of pharmacies available seven days a week, many are located in Sturt Street.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

For a comprehensive listing of Places of Worship please contact the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre on 1800 44 66 33.

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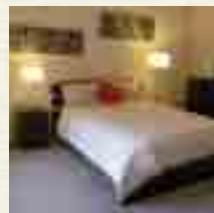
ARDENLEE BED AND BREAKFAST

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Ardenlee a beautifully restored 3 bedroom Victorian residence situated on Bakery Hill in the heart of the CBD. Ardenlee provides a haven of warmth and luxurious accommodation for couples and families. Enjoy the surroundings of a bygone era with all modern facilities, TV/DVD and wireless internet. A delicious cooked breakfast awaits you each morning.

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517 ON SHERRARD

MAP 1
E3

Contemporary 2BR townhouses, LUG, sleeps 4, close to CBD in quiet secure location. Well appointed and equipped throughout for short or longer stays. Rear deck and BBQ area. Additional offstreet parking.

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APRIL APARTMENTS

MAP 1
C1

April Apartments is a two bedroom cottage located in the heart of Ballarat. It has two bedrooms and has its own kitchen and lounge room. Two off street undercover car parks are provided.

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BALLARAT MINERS COTTAGES – CARRIGG HOUSE ★★★★★ MAP 1 E4

Carrigg House – self contained accommodation at its stunning best. 3 bedrooms, spa, 2 living areas and purpose built kitchen providing all the discerning holidaymaker would ever want.

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BALLARAT MINERS COTTAGES – PEEL COTTAGE ★★★ MAP 1 E4

Peel Cottage is completely self contained with double and twin bedrooms, full cooking facilities and lovely courtyard garden where you can relax and spend your time in complete privacy.

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BALLARAT COTTAGES

★★★★ MAP 1
F4



YARROWEE COTTAGES

A choice of 3 fully self contained 4-star spa cottages 5 minutes from the CBD and Sovereign Hill.
Suitable for couples to families, set in natural bushland on the Yarrowee walking trail, overlooking the Yarrowee River, with large gardens and abundant bird life.
Full laundry, TV, DVD, heating/cooling, BBQ and offstreet parking.

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BALLARAT SERVICED APARTMENTS

MAP 1
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Nestled in the heart of Ballarat's historical city centre this very private property offers unique central accommodation. The building incorporates three self-contained apartments and two studios.

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BALLARAT VIEWS EXECUTIVE HOUSE

MAP 1
E5

Ballarat Views is a modern architecture design 'Sole use' Four Bedroom Holiday Home, with beautiful 180 degree views overlooking Ballarat in a quiet court location and only 800m from Sovereign Hill.

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BLUE HAVEN COTTAGE

MAP 1
E3

Blue Haven Cottage is minutes from the heart of Ballarat but hidden away in the historic Soldiers Hill district. This charming self contained 2 bedroom cottage (each with queen bed) is perfect accommodation for a weekend retreat or as a base for exploring the regions rich cultural heritage, the Pyrenees Ranges and Spa Country.

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BRAESIDE COTTAGES

★★★★ MAP 1
E5

Privacy and luxury are assured in our 2 charming cottages, complete with antique queen beds, log fires, double spas and wireless internet.
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EVANDALE SELF CONTAINED BED AND BREAKFAST

MAP 1
E4



Built in the 1880s, Evandale is a fully self-contained heritage home with all the comforts required for today's living.
Only a short walk from the heart of Ballarat, Evandale sleeps 8 in 4 bedrooms with king and queen beds, and features 2 bathrooms along with plenty of living space, making it the ideal escape for families or friends.
Additional features include central heating and gas log fire, clawfoot bath and a fully equipped kitchen, along with a breakfast hamper for your first morning.

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CLYVEMORE APARTMENT

MAP 1
D4

Luxurious accommodation for up to 7 people in the heart of Ballarat. Walk to the railway station, historic Lydiard Street, Her Majesty's Theatre and Sturt Street shopping and restaurant precinct.

209a Dana St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: 0407 847 664
W: www.clyvemore.com.au



DOWLING VIEW CABINS

★★★★☆ MAP 1
A1

3 cosy self contained cabins, situated in a peaceful, picturesque rural area close to Ballarat. Enjoy a relaxing holiday with family and friends. Children's play area, farm animal feeding, BBQ area.

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EXECUTIVE TOWNHOUSE BALLARAT

MAP 1
D4

NEW! A superbly appointed 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom townhouse accommodating 1-12 guests. 3 LCD screens, wireless internet, coffee machine. Walking distance to Lake Wendouree, hospitals, restaurants and city centre.

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FIRST CHANCE ACCOMMODATION

MAP 1
E4

Comfortable self contained accommodation for up to 6 people. Fully appointed with all modern conveniences. Boasting central heating and an open fire for cosy Ballarat nights. Guests are welcome for overnight, weekend or longer getaways (your home away from home). Situated close to the city and major attractions.

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FLEURETTES BALLARAT

MAP 1
D4

Fleurettes offers stylish old world charm and elegance. Situated in the historic precinct of Ballarat, Fleurettes is a fully self contained 3 bedroom Victorian House. Full breakfast provisions for the first morning.

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GLAZEBROOK COTTAGE

★★★★ MAP 1
E4

4-star self contained 2 bedroom miners cottage featuring open fire, spa, R/C air conditioning and beautiful surrounds. Situated in a quiet area, close to CBD and major tourist attractions.

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GRAEBERN LODGE

★★★★☆ MAP 3
B5

One of Ballarat's finest 4.5-star self contained bed and breakfast's. Offering luxury spa suite accommodation, adjoining the Buninyong Golf Course and only a 10 minute drive from the Ballarat CBD.

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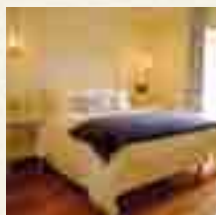


LAURISTON COTTAGE

MAP 1
E3

Superbly comfortable self contained 3 bedroom cottage in Soldiers Hill, close to all amenities. With cosy central heating and bathroom, big back deck and well-equipped kitchen, you'll feel right at home.

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MONTROSE OF BALLARAT

MAP 1
E4

Fully self contained luxury within walking distance to Sovereign Hill and the city. Featured on Channel 9 "Postcards" and in the Age "52 Great Weekends Away". Relax and enjoy a part of Ballarat's history.

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ROSELLA COTTAGE – LAL LAL

MAP 1
D6

This pet friendly mud brick cottage on 2 private acres features a wood heater, fully equipped kitchen, 2 bedrooms and sleeps 6 people. Located 15 minutes south of Ballarat.

4 Rosella Rd, Lal Lal VIC 3352 P: 0418 525 309

ACCOMMODATION – SELF CONTAINED & BED AND BREAKFAST



SIMPLY 804

MAP 1
D5

Come and stay for a while enjoying all that Ballarat has to offer! Fully self contained 2 bedroom Californian Bungalow offering comfortable and affordable accommodation. Sovereign Hill – 2 minutes and you are there!

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SOLDIERS HILL BED AND BREAKFAST

MAP 1
E3

Lovingly restored traditional Victorian cottage with contemporary comfort. Nestled in the heart of historic Soldiers Hill. Easy walking to CBD. Complete your stay with a relaxing massage. Maximum 2 guests.

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SOLDIERS HILL TERRACE

MAP 1
D4

Self contained, modern 2 bedroom apartment. Excellent location. 1 block from the train station and 5 minute walk to Sturt Street shops, cafés and restaurants. 2 bedrooms (queen and twin/king), fully equipped kitchen, lounge with gas log fire, internet, courtyard and terrace with a fresh herb garden.

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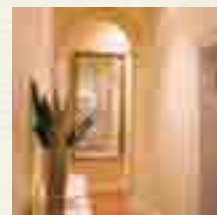


TALBOT STREET STOP OVER

MAP 1
D5

Self contained bed and breakfast. Affordable accommodation for individuals and families. A cosy Californian Bungalow. Dining, lounge and 3 guest bedrooms, comfortably accommodating 5. Fully equipped kitchen. Conveniently located for business and pleasure, in the heart of Ballarat. A great place to rest and relax for short or longer stays.

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THE ARGYLE APARTMENTS

MAP 1
D3

Two modern and luxurious apartments, accommodating up to 6 guests per apartment. Fully self contained and private lockup garages. Situated within walking distance of the city centre.

402 Doveton St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: 0407 358 870
E: stay@theargyle.com.au W: www.theargyle.com.au



THE KNOWN WORLD BOUTIQUE CITY APARTMENT

MAP 2
D3

The Known World Boutique City Apartment is in the heart of Ballarat, above the Known World Bookshop. This 1 bedroom, New York loft-style apartment, furnished in mid-20th century design classics, is fully self contained, and has secure offstreet parking. You can't get more central than this!

14 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: 0438 412 670
E: michelle@theknownworldbookshop.com.au W: www.theknownworldbookshop.com.au

ACCOMMODATION – SELF CONTAINED & BED AND BREAKFAST



THE WATTLES ON EDDY

MAP 3
B2

Here you will find a fully self contained 2BR home-away-from-home. Set in an area of natural beauty, frequently visited by koalas and native birdlife. Walking distance from the University of Ballarat and the adjoining Technology Park, Bird World and Buninyong and only minutes away from Sovereign Hill and Ballarat's many attractions.

316a Eddy Ave, Mt Helen VIC 3350
P: (03) 5341 8228 or 0418 552 967 E: thewattles@bigpond.com



WINTARNI OLIVES COTTAGE

★★★★☆ MAP 1
D1

Our luxury cottage offers you a peaceful, spacious haven surrounded by our attractive garden and olive grove. With open fire, generous provisions, full kitchen facilities, queen size bedroom with ensuite plus lounge with sofa bed, 2-4 people have the opportunity to relax and enjoy the attractions of the Ballarat region.

40 Clearview Rd, Invermay VIC 3352 P: 0409 812 470
E: info@wintarniolives.com.au W: www.wintarniolives.com.au



ACCOMMODATION – HOTELS & MOTELS

ALFRED MOTOR INN

★★★☆☆ MAP 1
A3



CLEAN, COMFORTABLE, AFFORDABLE 'Spend a night, not a fortune'

All ground floor units. Variety of queen, twin, family and semi-disabled units. Facilities include large 81cm high definition LCD TVs, free Austar, wireless internet access, guest laundry, in-ground pool and free guest BBQ. Ample parking.

Close to Ballarat's tourist attractions, sporting venues and licensed clubs, bistros and other eateries.

Member of the Budget Motel Chain. AAA Tourism 3½ star rated and Green Star Environmentally Friendly Accredited.

1843 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3350
P: (03) 5334 1607 F: (03) 5334 1273
E: info@alfredmotorinn.com.au
W: www.alfredmotorinn.com.au



ANSONIA ON LYDIARD

★★★★ MAP 2
B4



Ansonia on Lydiard – a small hotel, is housed within a heritage listed building in the heart of Ballarat.

Ideally suited for both the corporate and leisure guest Ansonia has 19 rooms, a restaurant and function facilities.

The covered courtyard is ideal for pre dinner/afternoon drinks or casual dining.

32 Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat VIC 3350
P: (03) 5332 4678 F: (03) 5332 4698
E: reception@theansonionlydiard.com.au
W: www.theansonionlydiard.com.au



AMBASSADOR MOTOR INN

★★★☆☆ MAP 1
A4

Refurbished rooms with HD LCD televisions and Austar. All ground floor with a choice of Standard, Executive or Family units. Pool, BBQ and guest laundry. Ideal location opposite golf club. Shopping strip next door with liquor store, wood fired pizza, fish and chips, milk bar and hair salon.

1759 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5334 1505 F: (03) 5334 2134
E: the.ambassador@bigpond.com W: www.ballarat.com/ambassador



ARCH MOTEL

★★★ MAP 1
A3

Clean, comfortable, budget priced, licensed accommodation located 3km west of GPO, close to golf course, Lake Wendouree, botanical gardens and sporting venues. 11 units, including one self contained, barbecue area, guest laundry with spacious grounds and ample off road parking.

1853 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5334 1464
E: archmotel@ncable.net.au W: www.ballarat.com/archmotel



AVENUE MOTEL

★★★☆☆ MAP 1
A4

Located on the Avenue of Honour on the western side of Ballarat. Opposite Ballarat Golf Club, close to all Ballarat attractions. Offstreet parking and a short walk to shopping centre.

1813 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5334 1303 F: (03) 5334 3365
E: avenue@netconnect.com.au W: www.avenuemotel.com.au



BALLARAT BACKPACKERS HOSTEL

MAP 2
G1

Conveniently located within 5 minutes of the CBD.

Boasting 8 picturesque bedrooms accommodating up to 30 people, sitting area and bathrooms on the first floor.

81 Humffray St, North Ballarat VIC 3350 P: 0427 440 661
E: easternstation@ncable.net.au W: www.ballarat.com/easternstation

ACCOMMODATION – HOTELS & MOTELS

BALLARAT CENTRAL CITY MOTOR INN

★★★☆☆ MAP 2 G3



Nestled in the heart of Ballarat's historic Bakery Hill precinct our refurbished rooms offer magnificent views of the city from the balconies. Our property is only a short stroll to the city centre, restaurants, cafés and shops and is close to all major attractions Ballarat has to offer.

Whether you are a corporate traveller or tourist, the Ballarat Central City offers quality accommodation with warm, friendly and professional service. Facilities include indoor heated pool, Austar, internet, in-room spas, family rooms, disabled facilities and free offstreet parking.

16 Victoria St, Ballarat VIC 3350
P: (03) 5333 1775 F: (03) 5332 9437
E: info@ccmotorinn.com.au
W: www.ccmotorinn.com.au

BALLARAT BUDGET MOTEL @ WOODMANS HILL

★★★ MAP 1 H4



Located on the Melbourne side of Ballarat on a quiet service road in picturesque rural surroundings, just minutes to the city centre. Featuring 16 spacious ground floor self contained suites. Within close proximity to Kryal Castle and all major tourist attractions.

9503 Western Hwy, Warrenheip VIC 3352
E: info@ballaratbudgetmotel.com.au W: www.ballaratbudgetmotel.com.au



BALLARAT COLONIAL MOTOR INN AND APARTMENTS

MAP 1 H4



Choice of studios, or 1, 2 and 3 bedroom serviced apartments with facilities including 2 TV's, 2 bathrooms and fully equipped kitchens, laundries and indoor heated pool.

9379 Western Hwy, Ballarat VIC 3352 P: (03) 5334 7788 F: (03) 5334 7834
E: sales@ballaratcolonial.com.au W: www.ballaratcolonial.com.au

BALLARAT EUREKA LODGE MOTEL

★★★☆☆ MAP 1 F4



Situated next to the Eureka Stockade and central to all local attractions. Clean comfortable rooms and four star apartments all in a spacious quiet garden setting. Facilities include air conditioning, TV, broadband internet, and laundry. All rooms non smoking. A member of the Budget Motel Chain. Packages include continental breakfast.

119 Stawell St Sth, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5331 1900
E: info@eurekalodge.com.au W: www.eurekalodge.com.au

BALLARAT MID CITY MOTOR INN

MAP 2 A2



Accommodation, function rooms, bar and restaurant, all right in the heart of Ballarat. A short stroll to shops, Her Majesty's theatre, cinemas, the historic precinct and Ballarat's popular cafe strip.

19 Doveton St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5327 7588 F: (03) 5327 7599
E: reception@midcity.biz W: www.midcity.biz

ACCOMMODATION – HOTELS & MOTELS

BEGONIA CITY MOTOR INN

★★★☆☆ MAP 1 D6

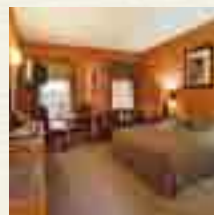


Located in quiet area of Ballarat, 7 minutes from CBD. All ground floor units, offering choice of double, spa and family rooms, 2 bedroom self-contained apartments. In-ground swimming pool. Licenced club/bistro opposite.

244 Albert St, Sebastopol VIC 3356 P: (03) 5333 5577 F: (03) 5335 5583
E: begoniacity@ncable.net.au W: www.bcni.com.au

BEST WESTERN BAKERY HILL MOTEL

★★★☆☆ MAP 2 G3



Best Western Bakery Hill Motel offers Austar TV, high speed broadband, microwaves, tea and coffee facilities. Situated 50 metres from Bridge Mall and walking distance to many restaurants and attractions.

1 Humffray St Sth, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5333 1363 F: (03) 5333 2335
E: bakeryhillmotel1@bestwestern.com.au W: www.bestwestern.com.au/bakeryhill

BEST WESTERN BALLARAT SUITES

★★★★ MAP 1 E5



Stylish accommodation that will satisfy the corporate or leisure traveller. Spacious suites, king beds, Austar TV, air conditioning/heating, DVD, broadband. Choice of executive king rooms or king spa suites. Free parking.

525 Main Rd, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5329 0200 F: (03) 5331 5322
E: ballaratsuites@bestwestern.com.au W: www.ballaratsuites.com.au

BEST WESTERN BARKLY MOTOR LODGE

★★★★ MAP 1 E4



The Best Western Barkly Motor Lodge offers guests superior four star accommodation and comfort and is complemented by its convenient location to all major attractions.

43-57 Main Rd, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5331 8838 F: (03) 5331 8787
E: stay@barklymotorlodge.com.au W: www.barklymotorlodge.com.au

BEST WESTERN LAKE INN

★★★★☆☆ MAP 1 C4



A stylish motel and restaurant complex, metres from Lake Wendouree. Featuring king spa suites and executive units, 1-2 bedroom apartments, flat screen TV, air conditioning/heating, Austar, wireless internet, mini bar, laundry and offstreet parking.

1317 Mair St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5338 8344 F: (03) 5338 8655
E: info@lakeinn.com.au W: www.lakeinn.bestwestern.com.au

CARDIGAN LODGE MOTEL

★★★☆☆ MAP 1 A3



Situated on the beautiful 'Avenue of Honor', in a quiet peaceful location, just minutes to Ballarat CBD. Extra large suites, licensed restaurant, games room and spa pool. Specialist in coach, school, seniors and tour groups. Holiday packages available.

741 Remembrance Dve, Ballarat VIC 3352 P: (03) 5344 8302 F: (03) 5344 8307
E: cardiganlodge@bigpond.com W: cardiganlodge.com.au

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Comfort Inn & Suites City Views

Beautifully appointed Standard, Deluxe & Family rooms. Located in the Ballarat CBD, in the heart of the city's restaurant and shopping precinct, you'll be within walking distance of Her Majesty's Theatre.

Featuring an indoor heated pool, free new release movies, onsite parking & guest laundry.

CHOICE HOTELS AUSTRALASIA COMFORT FRANCHISEE OF THE YEAR 2011

101 Curtis Street Ballarat
Phone: 03 5329 2777
www.cityviewsballarat.com.au



COMFORT INN BELLTOWER ★★★☆ MAP 1 A4

Your perfect choice for accommodation, with a variety of large rooms all opening up to a courtyard area. Designed all on ground level with 67 accommodation rooms, conference and function areas. The Glasshouse Restaurant and lounge bar is available 6 nights, we also offer a breakfast room, indoor heated pool, spa, gym and BBQ area.

1845 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5334 1600 F: (03) 5334 2540
E: reservations@belltower.com.au W: www.belltower.com.au



COMFORT INN MAIN LEAD ★★★☆ MAP 1 E4

Comfort Inn Main Lead is located 450 metres from Ballarat's number one tourist destination, Sovereign Hill. We have large family rooms as well as deluxe rooms, heated indoor pool and spa. Our restaurant, Lilian's, is set in a renovated grain store.

312-314 Main Rd, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5331 7533 F: (03) 5332 2853
E: mainlead@bigpond.com.au W: www.ballarat.com/mainlead



COMFORT INN SOVEREIGN HILL ★★★☆ MAP 1 E5

Stay in the very heart of Sovereign Hill!
Comfort Inn Sovereign Hill offers motel-style accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets. Ask about our great value packages!

Maggie St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5337 1159 F: (03) 5333 5861
E: lodge@sovereignhill.com.au W: www.sovereignhill.com.au

ACCOMMODATION – HOTELS & MOTELS



Everything about Craig's is legendary

A goldfield icon since 1865, Ballarat's oldest hotel is now meticulously restored for the discerning guest with antique furnishings, rich wallpapers and hidden high-tech conveniences. You can experience the legend of Craig's with one of these unique accommodation packages:

Romantic Royal Retreat – Flowers, wine and an atmosphere unequalled for romantic possibilities.


Heritage Heaven Escape – A heavenly escape amidst the richly appointed surroundings of this historic venue.

Grand Gourmet Getaway – A legendary gourmet experience the equal of any in the world, in a venue where good taste extends to every room.

Experience the Legend

CRAIG'S ROYAL HOTEL BALLARAT

10 Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat. Phone: (03) 5331 1377 Email: info@craigshotel.com.au Web: www.craigshotel.com.au



GEORGE HOTEL MAP 2 B3

Established in 1854, Ballarat's second licensed hotel located in the heart of the city. Beautiful newly renovated accommodation with bar, bistro and entertainment. Complimentary cable TV, movie channels and wireless internet.

27 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5327 2777 F: (03) 5327 2778
E: bookings@georgehotelballarat.com.au W: www.georgehotelballarat.com.au



GOLD SOVEREIGN MOTOR INN ★★★ MAP 1 A2

'COUNTRY HAVEN'
Set in a quiet location, only 7 minutes drive to the city centre. All ground level rooms, from standard, executive and spa suites, to small and large family rooms.

422 Learmonth Rd, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5339 3161 F: (03) 5338 1059
E: goldsov@ncable.net.au W: www.ballarat.com/goldsov



LINDBURG MOTEL MAP 1 H4

We have 12 self contained budget style units, fully equipped with fridge, toaster, microwave, iron, gas heating and air conditioning, in a centralised location, close to many Ballarat attractions. Ideal family budget accommodation.

Western Hwy, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5334 7117 W: www.lindburgmotel.com.au

ACCOMMODATION – HOTELS & MOTELS

MERCURE BALLARAT

★★★★ MAP 1
E5



Stylish hotel situated opposite Sovereign Hill. In a garden setting, 71 beautiful guest rooms, day spa, 2 restaurants, lounge/bar, 24 hour reception and room service. Facilities include complimentary parking, gym, snooker, squash court, mountain bikes, outdoor swimming pool, walking trail, royal tennis and meeting rooms.

Visit website for accommodation packages, dining and conference information.

613 Main Rd, Ballarat VIC 3350 **P:** Freecall 1800 056 343
W: www.mercureballarat.com.au



MINERS RETREAT MOTOR INN

MAP 1
F4

20 spacious ground floor units and four 2 bedroom park cabins. Air conditioning, heating, queen size beds and complimentary light breakfast. Welcomes school and coach bookings with packages available. Close to Ballarat attractions.

604-610 Eureka St, Ballarat VIC 3350 **P:** (03) 5331 6900
E: mretreat@qonline.com.au



OSCARS HOTEL AND CAFÉ BAR

★★★★ MAP 2
A4

- Heart of CBD • Boutique rooms including Deluxe Spa rooms
- Spa rooms with TV above the spa • Award winning restaurant and cafe
- Offstreet parking on site • Sun-filled courtyard and new garden bar
- Gas log fires • Complimentary wireless internet access.

18 Doveton St Sth, Ballarat VIC 3350 **P:** (03) 5331 1451 **F:** (03) 5331 5520
E: admin@oscarshotel.com.au **W:** www.oscarshotel.com.au



PETER LALOR HOTEL

MAP 1
C1

Budget hotel style accommodation. The Peter Lalor Hotel first opened for business on 9 July 1864 as the Royal Oak. It later became known as the Royal Highlander, and remained as such for many years until it acquired its present title in 1971 to honour the memory of the heroic leader of the Eureka Stockade uprising in 1854.

313 Mair St, Ballarat VIC 3350 **P:** (03) 5331 1702
E: info@peterlalom.com.au **W:** www.peterlalom.com.au

ACCOMMODATION – HOTELS & MOTELS

NOVOTEL FOREST RESORT

★★★★☆ MAP 1
C1



Novotel Forest Resort Creswick is a 4½ star eco friendly conference and convention hotel, featuring 144 beautiful accommodation rooms.

The hotel is situated on 150 acres of bushland and surrounded by an 18 hole championship golf course. Located just 75 minutes from Melbourne and only 10 minutes from the historic city of Ballarat.

1500 Midland Hwy, Creswick VIC 3363
P: (03) 5345 9600
E: novotel@forestresort.com.au
W: www.novotel.forestresort.com.au

PEPPINELLA MOTEL

★★★★ MAP 1
C6



Our comfortable 15 ground floor units consist of queen, twin and family rooms. All rooms feature comfortable pillow top mattresses, 81cm LCD TV's with free Austar. Wireless internet available.

We have plenty of off street parking, solar heated pool and spa (seasonal), BBQ facilities available, guest laundry and playground onsite.

102 Smythes Rd, Delacombe VIC 3356
P: (03) 5335 9666 **F:** (03) 5335 9929
E: peppinellamotel@gmail.com
W: www.peppinellamotel.com.au

QUALITY INN AND SUITES 'THE MENZIES'

★★★★ MAP 2
G2



Luxury accommodation at affordable prices in Ballarat CBD. Room types include executive spa suite, studio executive with spa, studio delux, disabled suite, honeymoon suite and two bedroom self-contained townhouses – ideal for families. All rooms are spacious and offer wireless internet and Austar.

5-7 Humffray St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350
P: (03) 5331 3277
E: info@themenziesballarat.com.au
W: www.themenziesballarat.com.au

ACCOMMODATION – HOTELS & MOTELS

QUEST BALLARAT

MAP 1
D4



Quest Ballarat is located in the heart of Ballarat offering self contained studio, one and two bedroom apartment accommodation. Featuring kitchens (kitchenette in studios) lounge and dining areas and some with laundry facilities. Quest Ballarat also offers a conference room, courtyard with BBQ and complimentary off street parking, perfect place for both corporate or leisure travellers.

7-11 Dawson St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350
P: (03) 5309 1200
E: questballarat@questapartments.com.au
W: www.questballarat.com.au



QUEST BALLARAT MEWS

MAP 1
E5



Quest Ballarat Mews offers one and two bedroom townhouse apartments centered around a stunning rose garden courtyard. Apartments are furnished to a 4 star standard featuring separate lounge and dining areas with wireless internet access. It's the perfect option for business travellers on the move or families on holiday.

603-605 Main Rd, Ballarat VIC 3350
P: (03) 5333 7781 F: (03) 5337 8855
E: questmews@questapartments.com.au
W: www.questballaratmews.com.au

SEYMOURS ON LYDIARD

★★★★ MAP 1
D4



Couples, singles, groups or families, everyone is welcome at Seymours. Contemporary suites with modern furnishings, close to the railway station and the heart of the CBD. Standard, spa and family suites available.

Seymours' bar and restaurant open 7 days a week. Function room with balcony available for corporate and casual get togethers.

Rooms include: • Full kitchen facilities • Free wireless internet • Undercover offstreet parking • Astar

302 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350
P: (03) 5332 9966 F: (03) 5332 6627
E: stay@seymours.com.au
W: www.seymours.com.au

ACCOMMODATION – HOTELS & MOTELS

SOVEREIGN PARK MOTOR INN

★★★★ MAP 1
E4



Great accommodation – standard, deluxe, executive, family units and self contained accommodation. **Sensational facilities** – recreation centre including an indoor heated pool, spa, jacuzzis and sauna, fully equipped gymnasium, snooker and table tennis tables. 3 purpose built conference rooms and business centre. **Superb catering** – restaurant and alfresco café dining and bar serving all day everyday. **Ideal location** – 750 metres from Sovereign Hill and the city mall. **True value** – special rates for auto club members, seniors and corporate clients. See our website newsletter for details.

223 Main Rd, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5331 3955 F: (03) 5333 4066
E: reservations@sovpark.com W: www.sovpark.com



QUALITY INN HERITAGE ON LYDIARD

★★★★ MAP 2
B3



WINNER 2010 Choice Hotels Australasia Gold Award!

NEW central heritage boutique hotel. Heated pool, spa, sun deck and gym. Complimentary cable TV, movie channels, wireless internet and secured parking. Featuring leading Lydiard Wine Bar.

15 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5327 2777 F: (03) 5327 2778
E: info@heritageonlydiard.com.au W: www.heritageonlydiard.com.au



SOVEREIGN VIEWS APARTMENTS

★★★★ MAP 1
E5



1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom self contained spacious apartments, 300 metres to Sovereign Hill, close to CBD and leading restaurants. Air conditioning, hydronic heating, recreation room, solar heated pool and free undercover parking.

5 Lal Lal St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5338 8517 F: (03) 5338 8406
E: admin@sovereignviews.com.au W: www.sovereignviews.com.au

VICTORIANA MOTOR INN

★★★☆ MAP 1
F4



20 quiet spacious ground floor units, offering a choice of double, spa and family rooms. Queen size beds, guest laundry, Astar, LCD/DVD televisions and free broadband internet to all rooms.

214 Victoria St, Ballarat VIC 3350 P: (03) 5333 3577 F: (03) 5333 3580
E: victoriana@bigpond.com W: www.goldchain.com.au

Time for fun, family and relaxation...



BIG4 Ballarat Goldfields Holiday Park

'Camp in comfort' 1, 2, and 3 bedroom accommodation, ensuite and powered sites with established shade trees and gardens.
'Only a 300 metre walk to Sovereign Hill'

- Giant jumping pillow
- Solar heated pool
- Camp kitchen
- Pedal bike hire
- Indoor 0-5 playground
- Free kids activities in Vic school holidays
- Free in-house movies
- Indoor heated spa hire
- Heated amenities
- Games and TV room
- Outdoor playground
- BBQ areas
- 1/2 court tennis

Book online
ballaratgoldfields.com.au

108 Clayton Street, Ballarat, Victoria 3350
stay@ballaratgoldfields.com.au
Reservations: 1800 632 237

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BIG4 Ballarat Welcome Stranger Holiday Park

A slice of paradise!



Pack your bag kids, I've found the perfect park for our next family holiday. There's something for everyone. You can play on the jumping pillow, playgrounds or in the resort pool. Dad can play mini golf, and I can relax in the indoor swimma-spa.

BIG4 Ballarat Welcome Stranger Holiday Park
263 Scott Parade, Ballarat
www.welcomestranger.com.au
Reservations 1800 622 777

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EUREKA STOCKADE HOLIDAY PARK

★★★☆☆ MAP 1 F4



Our caravan park provides friendly value for money accommodation. Located 75 minutes from Melbourne, it is within 5 minutes of Ballarat's CBD and diverse attractions. Conveniently located next to the historic Eureka Centre, our guests enjoy free access to a 50m heated swimming pool (November to March) and giant children's playground. A range of accommodation to suit all budgets.
Hosts: Graeme, Loyola, Luke McKenzie and Brooke Wilkins.

104 Stawell St Sth, Ballarat VIC 3350
P: (03) 5331 2281 F: (03) 5331 2281
E: info@eurekaholidaypark.com.au
W: www.eurekaholidaypark.com.au

SHADY ACRES ACCOMMODATION PARK

MAP 1 H4



The park is located on the Melbourne side of Ballarat on 13 acres of bushland with a quiet and relaxing atmosphere. Within walking distance to "The Woolshed" and 5km to the city centre. Pet friendly.

9435 Western Hwy, Ballarat 3352 P: (03) 5334 7233 F: (03) 5334 7016
E: enquiries@ballaratcaravanpark.com W: www.ballaratcaravanpark.com

BIG4 Ballarat Windmill Holiday Park



For a relaxing holiday BIG4 Ballarat Windmill Holiday Park offers something for everyone: a wide range of accommodation, free WIFI, tennis courts, pedal bikes, giant jumping pillow, indoor heated pool and spa, sauna and a free pancake breakfast every Saturday. All ideally situated just minutes from Ballarat town centre.

BIG4 Ballarat Windmill Holiday Park
56 Remembrance Drive, Alfredton
ballaratwindmill.com.au
Reservations 1800 256 633

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University Dr

Technology Park

Entrance Dr

University of Ballarat

East Tce

Bell Av

North Tce

Yankee Flat Rd

Mt Helen Dr

Wirreanda Dr

Whites Rd

Yendon Rd

Granny Whites Ln

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